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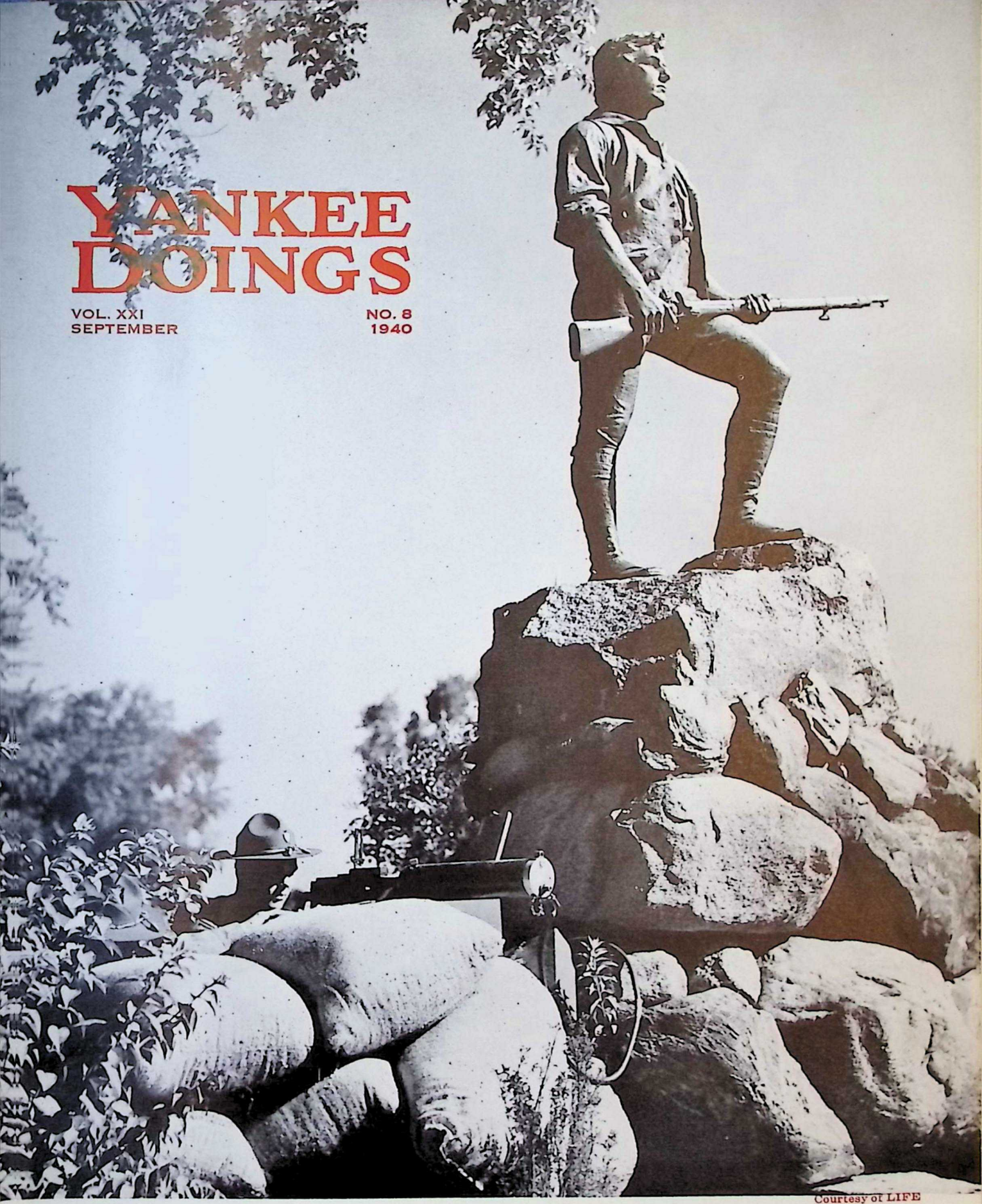

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EDITORIAL

It is not simple to write an editorial which will not see the light of day for more than three weeks. It may be based on premises which, in that short space of time, will have been disproved or overthrown. But it seems that what follows will be as true on September 20 as on August 27.

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YANKEE DOINGS has been mildly criticized for "too pessimistic an outlook" in last month's editorial. It denies the accusation. Much as every man who has breathed the free air of America detests the ideology of dictatorship, there is something to be said for the mental processes of dictators. They are pragmatists: they see things as they are, not as they wish they were. We as a people most decidedly do not. As this article will presently prove.

There are a host of fallacies beclouding and befogging the reasoning of the American people. And — we might add, "with malice toward none" — particularly the reasoning — so-called — of some minuscule members of the Congress of the United States. Let us see what some of them are. (Not the Congressmen, that would be asking too much, but the fallacies.)

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First we come to the old familiar battle-cry of a generation ago: "Might does not make right." You don't hear it so much today. But people are still thinking it, and going on from there to the corollary, "Right will triumph over might." At least one half fallacy. It is not true that "Might does not make right." Sometimes it does and sometimes it doesn't. Might, exercised for the oppression of human liberty, for the aggrandizement of a "ruling caste" is

one thing. But might, clothed in the righteous wrath of a free people, not only *does* "make right", but is the *only* weapon that can. Nor is the corollary, "Right will triumph over might" true. It is based on the fallacy that men are creatures of sweet reason, and when shown the errors of their ways, will politely murmur, "I am sorry, I was wrong, you are right." But why labor the point. Even Congressmen are ponderously coming to see — each according to his lights — that the only way "right" can be made to stick, is with "might" enough to back it up.

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The second fallacy might be termed the "ostrich trick". And like a lot of tricks, it's a swell one if you can do it. It is simply this: that what you don't see, and don't hear, and don't think about, just isn't happening and isn't going to happen. If we don't plan any aggression, no one is going to plan any against us. If we don't do anything to anger the neighborhood bully, he won't pick on us. He'll leave us alone. He'll see we're a harmless, well-meaning cuss, and let us keep our marbles. Even if he does take half of them, let him have them, he'll let us keep the rest. But if we squawk when he takes the first fistfull, maybe he'll pin our ears back and take 'em all. So be nice to him. He'll be nice to us. In a pig's ear he will! He'll think that we haven't brains enough nor guts enough to hang onto what we have. And he'll be right. The world let him and his little pal take first Ethiopia, then Austria, then Czecho-Slovakia, then Albania, then Poland. What did it matter, surely he'd soon have enough. He couldn't want much more. Oh no? Yet today you'll find men supposedly endowed with a brain solemnly arguing — "This is Europe's affair. No matter how things go over there, they are not interested in anything over here." Again, oh, no?

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Third we come to the fallacy that the question of "keeping out of war" is one we can decide for ourself. And having once decided, abide by the decision. Every day we read an accusation by so-and-so that the words and acts of such-and-such are "plunging us into war"; that if we do this or do that we can "keep out of the war". Poppycock. Likewise tripe and hooey. Today peoples don't "go to war"; war comes to them. And the surest and best way to make *certain* it comes, is to keep belly-aching to the world at large that they are ready to make almost any concession to keep it away. During the campaign now under way, you'll be showered with pleas to vote for this man or that — from the Presidential candidates down — as he is most likely "to keep us out of war". If you neatly tear this printed material into about six-inch squares and pile it in a handy place in Chic Sale's old two-holer, at least it will come to a more practical use than originally intended!

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All right. What next? The next fallacy — number four — is the belief, strongly held in some quarters, that aid extended to England (provided she's still holding out when this is read) is (1) a breach of neutrality; (2) simply helping to pull the British lion's chestnuts out of the fire; and (3) likely to make the Paper Hanger so mad he'll hop all over us. Let's dispose of them, 1, 2, 3. In the first place neutrality is a figment of the imagination and probably couldn't be broken more widely open than it is now if we tried. The decision whether to shatter it further should be based on whether it will help us or harm us, in the long run, not on technical niceties. As to number 2, what if it does help pull British chestnuts out of the fire: that would be purely secondary. The main thing is — and most of us are just beginning to know it — that we've grown from an infant nation to our present size and strength — not because the Atlantic Ocean is 3000 miles wide, but because there have always been a helluva lot of British battleships out there in that 3000 miles. We're talking about a two-ocean navy as something new. We've always had a two-ocean navy, one in the Pacific flying the Stars and Stripes, and one in the Atlantic flying the Union Jack. Whatever Britain's faults, that navy has been our navy to all intents and purposes. But to give it a hand is "pulling England's chestnuts out of the fire"! Baloney. And as to number 3, the Paper Hanger is already as mad at us as he can be. He simply has his hands full elsewhere for the moment. He's a methodical fellow. He'll size us up more carefully a little later, and what we do in the meantime isn't going to change his feelings any.

Still another fallacy — number five isn't it? That due to the grace of God, we're immune from attack. Notwithstanding the fact that we were attacked in 1812, and that in 1917 and 1918, we put 2,000,000 men in Europe and played a decisive part in winding up that semi-final bout. "The ocean is too wide." Yeh, just a nice wide boulevard leading right up to our front door, which, by the way, is locked with an old-fashioned hook and eye. Whoever is

traffic cop out on that boulevard gives the stop or go signals. He's been giving stop signals a good many years. He's about ready to give the "all-clear." Of course, he'll want a little while to get things in shape for a smooth ride. But "it is later than you think". And a bandit will make a lot better plans for breaking into a bank then he will for breaking into a hovel.

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Brings us to number six. "We'll fight for defense of our own borders, but nowhere else." If that's the kind of a war we like, the chances are we'll get it. There are men however who prefer knowing that cops are on the street and a lock on the front door than that there is a revolver under their pillows. Enough on that damfool argument.

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Comes number seven. "A million men will spring to arms over night." They don't put it quite so boldly nowadays. But it's the same old hooey with streamline garments on. "Let's try the volunteer system first." When danger threatens, volunteers will "rally 'round the flag". So what? That'll be just swell; they'll be right in the nick of time!

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There doesn't seem to be any end to the cockeyed arguments to be hauled out into daylight. Here comes number eight. "Conscription is a step toward dictatorship. It's un-American, it isn't the democratic way." No: it's more democratic to let the men and women to whom America is worth what it costs — "to the last full measure of devotion" — step forth and bear the burden while those to whom it means a meal-ticket gives 'em three cheers. We heard one of the latter the other day. "Everythink'll be all right; the soldier boys will take care of the beesness." Perhaps *that's* the democratic way!

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Number nine. "This thing is getting pretty serious. Every one of us should take it seriously. It isn't going to be a job for just a few. It's a job for everybody. I wish the dickens there was something *I* could do. But hell, I'm too old (or too sick, or too young, or have too much responsibility). If it wasn't for that, you'd see me getting in there to pitch, believe me." Sure; it's everybody *else's* job. First they talk of drafting men 21 to 64; then they whittle it down to 21 to 31; then talk of 21 to 24; then commence the exemptions. As Westbrook Pegler says, in satire, surely if married men are to be exempt, bachelors should be; and if divinity students are counted out, all students ought to be. It's everybody's job but mine; it's everybody's job but yours. Hell and damnation; it's everybody's job *including* you and me. And let's see if we can ram that down the people's throat. There's no one too old or too young, or too anything else, that he can't do *something*. And let's see that they do.

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Only two more screwy notions for today. Number ten. "Look at all the money that's been appropriated, and there will doubtless be more. I'm ready and willing to help pay within my ability. When they get the wrinkles and the red tape ironed out and things begin to move, then you'll see! We'll have a navy and an air force that no one will dare get fresh with. Why, we're spending more money than ever before, more than any other nation could spend without going under." So money is going to turn the trick, eh? Sez you! Say things do get to humming, and the American productive genius comes into its own, and we *do* get the biggest navy and biggest air force, AND NOT TOO LATE. So what? Is it going to operate itself like a traffic light? Of course not, you say, by that time we'll have men to operate it, trained and ready. So what? Is this just an amusing sideshow — expensive to be sure — but still a sideshow. If that's the way we're going to look at it, we're sunk before we start, and we might as well save the money. Money, nor ships, nor planes, nor trained men, nor arms, nor food, nor oil, will save America's destiny nor secure Freedom's perpetuity, but a solemn and universal consecration of spirit. God help us: of this there is little evidence yet. Can we of the old YD help to give it birth?

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And lastly the delusion that while all this preparation, and probably eventual conflict goes on; life can still flow on as before. The President of the United States, not long since, not only harbored but fostered, this delusion. To him, there is no reason why men need work harder and longer, or for less. Defense can be handled in our spare time, by taking up the slack. Gladly is credit given to the editor of the Saturday Evening Post for pointing out in terms that cannot be contraverted that the ancient command, given to Adam in the Garden of Eden, still cannot be evaded nor avoided. "Man shall earn his bread by the sweat of his brow." Today, man shall save his life by the

sweat of his brow, and in no other way can he save it.

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If some reader feels the urge to write in that YANKEE DOINGS is entering partisan politics, go ahead. Despite possible protests, we'll close with the words of another American: "You can't buy freedom; you have to make it."

NATIONAL COMMANDER'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of our Association for the honor which they have bestowed on me in electing me their National Commander. I shall do my utmost to fulfill the confidence which they have placed in me.

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There are a few things of which we, as Y.D. V.A. members, should be proud:

1. We should be proud of the attendance at our meetings during the Convention, as it indicates that the members are interested in what the Association is doing and how we stand on public affairs.

2. We should be proud of the tributes paid us by our invited guests: the Governor, the Mayor, and all other Veteran and Civic organizations.

3. We should be proud of the resolutions which were so ably presented and passed, for no other organization could do better in showing the country how we stand on National Defenses.

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Every organization should have a program and an objective and I believe this year we have both, right in front of us. Our program should be to help in the defense of our country, in its efforts to battle fifth columnists, not individually, but in cooperation with our local Police or F.B.I.

To do all we can to encourage enlistments in the National Guard and other military units, and to volunteer our services to our respective Governors in the formation of Veterans Defense Units.

I could go on indefinitely, but there is one thing we must not forget to do, and that is to help our Comrades who need help, or maybe, just a job. Each Chapter should try to make *that* an objective so that, at the end of the year, each Chapter Commander can report every member working and all dues paid.

To you members who are working and spending, do you patronize a YD member? Well, you should! Go in and tell him you saw his advertisement in YANKEE DOINGS and if he has not an ad in our book, get one from him.

Report of Visitations

I was always under the impression that, as soon as the Convention was over, every YD man and Chapter just closed up everything and didn't come out until "after Labor Day". Maybe this year is different, maybe we have got our second wind, for I do not believe that there ever was so much doing during the Summer months. As soon as the Convention closed on Sunday, June 9th, with the Memorial Services, — on the next day in fact, — the Ambulance Committee was formed under the Chairmanship of JUDSON HANNIGAN, ably assisted by LEA REDFIELD, PHIL SANBORN and HOWARD HUNT. A report of this committee appears elsewhere.

June 14 — Represented the YDVA at the Flag Day Celebration on Boston Common, at noon, assisted by GUY WATTS, Sergt. at Arms JIM SULLIVAN and Mass. State Chaplain GEORGE WARREN, whose closing benediction was very impressive. And again, at 7:30 P.M., represented the YDVA at another Flag Day Celebration by the City Committee.

June 16 — Represented the YDVA at the Parkman Band Stand, Boston, on invitation by the Committee to Aid the Allies.

June 20 — Providence Chapter Installation.

June 23 — Rhode Island State meeting and installation in Crompton, R. I.

June 25 — Testimonial Dinner to State Commander of New Hampshire, BILL MCNULTY, in Nashua, N. H.

June 29 — Attended the Haverhill Tercentenary on invitation of Haverhill Chapter, which Chapter and Auxiliary had a part in the Celebration.

July 7 — Mass. State Department Meeting and Installation at Reading, Mass. Orchids to Chateau Thierry Chapter.

July 12 — National Executive Meeting at Providence, R. I.

July 14 — Connecticut State Meeting and Installation at New Haven, Conn. What a home New Haven has! Congratulations.

July 18 — Showed pictures of Boston Convention at Boston Club Smoker.

July 21 — State Department of Rhode Island Clam Bake. Congratulations, Rhode Island.

and thanks for the *prize?* We had a swell time.

July 26 — Represented YDVA at the D.A.V. Mass. State Convention.

Aug. 4 — Mass. State Department meeting in Springfield, Mass. Some Chicken Pie! Cowboy "Jim" ate four, he's on a diet.

Aug. 8 — Visited Veterans CCC Camp at North Reading, Mass. Chateau Thierry Chapter had their meeting there and entertained the Vets by showing pictures.

Aug. 11 — Lowell Chapter's outing at Tynesboro. Nashua, N. H. Chapter visited and played soft ball. Tie score?

Aug. 23 — A.M. Presented check to British-American Ambulance Committee representative for Gen. DeGaulle. P.M. Attended American Legion State Convention at Salisbury, Mass.

Aug. 24 — Attended Lynn Chapter's outing at Manchester-by-the-Sea. Congratulations to all you Lynn Buddies. You gave the kiddies (big and little) a swell time. Ray, what was the score! (Tie?)

Aug. 29 — Return visit to Veterans CCC Camp by request of Commander Darby to show pictures. As usual, National Sergeant-at-Arms, Jim Sullivan, has accompanied me on *all* these visits. So, in closing, I believe, you will all agree that it has been a busy Summer and that we are getting off to a flying start. Keep up the good work.

— Austin F. Appleby,
National Commander.

"THE YD MARCHES AGAIN"

(After reading the Editorial in the August YANKEE DOINGS.)

Have you got it straight, buddy?
The YD is marching again!
Oh yes, they say it annually in every city,
But it's just "regulation", ballyhoo stuff.
You and I know what it means when the Yankee
Division marches!
Certainly it is not a holiday in a city street,
With canes swinging and guys ogling the girls;
And an easy chair in the Copley-Plaza
At the end of the two-mile trek.

No! — something vastly different,
And infinitely more vital.
It's the tread of our trench shoes along the miry
roads,
With the feel of the pack-straps and rifles on
our shoulders;
With only the tall, taciturn, wraithlike poplars
lining our route,
In long, eerie, endless rows.
And at trail's end, there is no armchair in the
lobby, —
Perhaps a billet in an ancient barn,
Or a cave hewn out of the limestone rock,
Or a sodden trench,
Or a rendezvous with death and hell!

When America springs to arms,
And the guns and tanks go trundling through the
towns,
And the winds, snapping Old Glory's folds,
Are again the ominous winds of war, —
Where shall one find our gallant Old Man's boys,
But once more in the van?
Oh, the medics may turn us down
(We want young men for the front), —
They cannot muzzle the spirit, or keep our souls
in the rear.
America's soul is our soul!
We have helped to form, and sustain it;
We have held the shekinah against our hearts,
There on the duckboards, out over No-Man's
wastes.
It will be our spirit singing through other's lips,
It will be ourselves waiting the zero hour!
When all is said — it is the spirit that conquers,
The undaunted soul alone that carries through,
Be it our job to mold the morale,
Keep the inner fires burning at white heat.
Something deep and unfathomable and sacrificial
Lurked ever, my comrades, under your glances
of studied unconcern,
Beneath your jests and sturdy oaths in camp
or trench.
That inner mood of secret exaltation
We must recover, fan it to new, more ardent
flame;
Throw in our all to feed the holocaust —
Hold nothing back, at last — goods, leisure,
prospects, life —
Until it lights the land from coast to coast!

— Harry W. Bugbee.

AN ERROR AND DOINGS APOLOGIES

Through a regrettable error, the report of the travels throughout the width and breadth of the land, made last year by National Commander Jerry O'Leary, in the interest of the YDVA, was published in the August issue of DOINGS as the Annual Report of Department Commander Appleby. Austin did some travelling too, but the statistics set down over his name were actually the visits made by Jerry. DOINGS regrets exceedingly that this mistake was made.

MASSACHUSETTS STATE GUARD TRAINING CAMP

From July 28 to August 3, a course of instruction for prospective officers of the Massachusetts State Guard was held at the Massachusetts Military Reservation in Bourne. Of this encampment, one who attended, LEON F. DENIS, has this to say:

The occasion was very much a YD reunion in more ways than one, inasmuch as every time you turned around, as it were you either bumped into a familiar face you had not seen for years, or was introduced to another in the same category whom you had not first recognized.

Among the *visitors* I saw (and there were some I failed to see) were JOHN H. AGNEW, former Adjutant General of Mass.; Colonel KING, the former division adjutant; Major "Sandy" AUSTIN, who was formerly BILL KEVILLE's adjutant when he commanded the old 2nd Battalion of the 8th Mass. Infantry in border days.

As far as the "student body?" was concerned there were such as HI LANDON, JIMMY MCDADE and a host of others I cannot recall by name right now — and were all their *faces red* at the close of the camp, not because of embarassment I should say not — but rather the result of a week in the outdoors and wearing only overseas caps for headgear, necessarily resulting in sunburn and a lot of peeling hide of many faces especially among those used to working indoors. In fact, most of the students looked like boiled lobsters when they went back to their homes at the close of the camp.

The outstanding feature and distinct surprise of the whole thing was the complete absence of the old army "hey there, you" and "snap out of it, dope" attitude on the part of the school faculty. Indeed, never in the history of any of our lives has there been such courtesy nor had any of us ever been called "mister" and "gentlemen" so often and sincerely by anybody in army uniform. This was a feature that went a long way toward making the affair very much a success and Colonel O'BRIEN is to be congratulated on his new (radical) changes in conducting such a camp. Such a thing could hardly happen in the regular army, it would be a practical impossibility there. It was the berries.

NEWS PARAGRAPHS FROM HERE AND THERE

National Assistant Secretary HOWARD HUNT has returned from a vacation spent at Dover-Foxcroft, Maine.

Americanism Officer ROYAL K. HAYES is also back, after a trip through Maine.

As a masterpiece of the cartographer's art, we recommend ALBERT MAXWELL's map, showing AUSTIN APPLEBY how to reach the C.C.C. Camp in North Reading, Mass., where he showed several reels of pictures last month.

Col. ALEXANDER MACDONALD retired on July 1, as Commanding Officer of the 104th Infantry, Mass. N.G.

WILLIAM L. "Pop" LONERGAN (A Co., 103rd M.G. Bn.) of Tampa, Fla. is planning to make the American Legion National Convention in Boston the occasion of quite a trip. He is leaving Tampa Sept. 1, taking in the World's Fair at N. Y., spending two weeks with JOHN STRONG up in Bellows Falls, Vt., then to the Convention, and is thinking about a week or two on the Cape after that. Atta boy, Pop.

THE OLD YD SPIRIT

In the last war I was a private in the 101st Field Artillery, Hdq. Co., working under DAN NEEDHAM, laying lines to the batteries. I was about 18 years of age when I enlisted and had my 40th birthday last month.

My concern just now is this. Going on 11 years now I have been associated with Maryknoll in foreign mission work as a Brother. It is possible that religious workers will not be conscripted, but for myself, enjoying 200 lbs. of good health I should like to again take up my place in the ranks if I could be of useful service to my country.

Is there any movement toward bringing some of the Old Gang together? In what capacity could and would the Old guard be most likely to serve? Any words of enlightenment will, I assure you be gratefully appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

— JOHN J. IMPERIAL.

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YDVA PRESENTS CHECK TO BRITISH-AMERICAN AMBULANCE CORPS
Left to Right: Mr. Montague W. W. Prowse; National Secretary Philip N. Sanborn; National Commander Austin F. Appleby; National Sgt.-at-Arms James H. Sullivan.

At the Boston Convention in June, the YDVA voted to raise money to send an ambulance to France. Less than ten days later France ceased to be a combatant nation. The project had been launched and contributions had commenced to flow in. Immediately they dwindled off to a mere trickle. Letters began to arrive asking what to do — was the project still on or had it been called off. Unfortunately the expense of printing and mailing the thousands of appeals had already been incurred. If events had gone differently, this expense would have been a small fraction of amount subscribed. But with subscriptions coming to a sudden stop, that overhead bulked large.

Early in July, the Executive Committee decided to give every donor the opportunity to have his money refunded (less expenses, at so much on the dollar.) Only 7 of the 200 donors asked for their money back. But three or four of them were YD Chapters rather than individuals, and had made relatively large donations.

On August 23, there was just under $400.00 left in the fund. Two YD men made up the difference, and a check for $400.00 was turned over to Mr. M. W. W. Prowse, representing the British-American Ambulance Corps.

A letter from Mr. Prowse to Commander Appleby states that in the period from the retreat from Dunkirk up to August 13, $225,000 had been raised, and 175 Dodge ambulances purchased. Each ambulance is accompanied by a check for $300.00 to keep it in supplies for one year. The actual cost of the ambulance is only $1050.00. So our $400.00, though not near what we might wish, is nearly one half the price of an ambulance. Any reader who is interested in boosting the amount a bit higher may still

send a personal contribution to M. W. W. Prowse, 10 State St., Boston.

A final accounting of the receipts and disbursements on the YD Ambulance Fund is given below:

YDVA AMBULANCE FUND

Final Financial Statement

CASH RECEIPTS		
Contributions (200 Contributors)		$916.49
CASH DISBURSEMENTS		
Expenses		
Printing & Stationery	$137.40	
Postage	109.05	
Publicity	7.71	
Salaries	21.00	
Labor	35.00	
Rubber stamps	4.50	
Bank Charges	.98	315.64
Donations Refunded upon Request @ 65c on the dollar 7 Contributions		174.85
Turned Over to British-American Ambulance Corps		426.00
		916.49

INFORMATION WANTED

Albert E. Thomas, Past Adjutant, Binghampton Post No. 80, Corbettsville, N. Y., wishes to locate RAY LEIGH, formerly of F Co., 101st Infantry. His aged mother has not heard from him in years. Last known whereabouts, Portland, Oregon.

JOSEPH G. ABAIR, 8 Hubbard St., Montpelier, Vt., would like information as to the whereabouts of SAMUEL J. ALLEN, formerly of the 5th Co., 101st Ammunition Train. Joe met the man's son, who has never seen his father.

THIS ISSUE

During the latter part of July and the month of August, activities throughout the Association reach their low ebb of the year. Many chapters hold no meetings at all; others have outings, clambakes and the like. In consequence, this number contains much less than the usual amount of local news.

In spite of the summer lull, membership today is higher than a year ago, and with Labor Day past, fall activities will soon be under way with everything pointing to a big and successful year.

Of course, the "state of the nation", or the state of the world if you want to put it that way, is uppermost in everyone's thoughts, and our Association, both by means of the printed word in YANKEE DOINGS, and by the efforts of its local chapters in moulding public opinion and lending its support to measures for strengthening the national security, stands in an admirable position to be of no small help.

World War veterans are listened to today with more respect than at any time since the days of their active service. We are one group at least whose motives cannot be questioned. Are we ourselves truly awake to the power which is in our own hands? Let our voices be heard in every city and village; let our votes be felt, that the deliberative assemblies of the nation may be rid of crack-pots and appeasers and their places filled with men convinced that the things America bought with blood and sacrifice must — if needs be — preserved with blood and sacrifice.

PAST NATIONAL COMMANDER'S DINNER

A Testimonial Dinner to Past National Commander JERRY O'LEARY will be held at the Providence-Biltmore Hotel on Saturday, October 26.

YANKEE DOINGS has no further details — but save the date and let's make it a big time.

For information, write PHILIP J. MCKIERNAN, 18 Osborne St., Providence, R. I.

ARE YOU?

Are you an active member, the kind that would be missed?
Or are you just contented that your name is on the list?
Do you attend the meeting, and mingle with the flock,
Or do you stay at home and criticize and knock?
Do you take an active part to help the work along,
Or are you satisfied to be the kind that "just belong"?
Do you ever go and visit a member that is sick?
Or leave the work to just a few and talk about the clique?
There's quite a program scheduled that I'm sure you've heard about,
And we'll appreciate it if you, too, will come and help us out.
So come to the meeting often, and help with hand and heart;
Don't just be a member, but take an active part.
Think this over, Comrade, you know right from wrong,
Are you an active member, or do you just belong?

26th DIVISION, MASSACHUSETTS NATIONAL GUARD MANEUVERS OF 1940

By Maj. General Roger W. Eckfeldt
Commanding 26th Division

Events in Washington indicate that the 26th Division will soon be ordered into the Federal service for one year of active training. Immeasurable benefits to both the officers and enlisted men should be the consequence. It is interesting to observe at this time that the years of training undergone by the Guard since the World War have not been without advantage or profit to all concerned. When the order for mobilization does come it will not be an untrained or undisciplined body of men that will respond to the call. It will be a Division which has derived the maximum benefits from the normal peacetime program of training. There is ample reason for all this. The insistance of prominent Yankee Division leaders, immediately after the World War, that the 26th Division be distinctly a Massachusetts organization has resulted in the existence of a compact military unit consisting of all arms of the service and functioning under one Commander-in-Chief. The benefit of this can be appreciated only by comparing the work of the 26th Division at Army maneuvers with divisions comprised of elements from various states. The law in this Commonwealth with respect to the tenure of organization commanders has resulted in the presence of young men in the higher commands. The effect of this law has afforded unusual opportunities for promotion and advancement to officers in all commissioned grades.

Another factor which should not be overlooked is that our service under one Commander-in-Chief has made possible the training of the 26th Division as one composite unit. The annual tour of duty of all units in this Division has invariably been held at the same time and at the same place. This has made possible annual field exercises on a scale rarely enjoyed by other military organizations. It is unusual for national guard or regular army divisions in this country to function as a unit except on occasions when Army maneuvers are held. As a result the Yankee Division when called to Army maneuvers has occasioned no new experience. When to this background is added the volunteer efforts of guardsmen, both officers and enlisted men, in pursuing the courses of training afforded by the Army Correspondence Schools, the advantages accruing from the training of non-commissioned officers in our Massachusetts Military Academy, and the excellent course of instruction provided by the Corps Area Command School, the reason for the excellent rating of our Division must become apparent.

The formation, equipping, and training of a division is a slow and painstaking process. The Yankee Division of the early twenties was a mere skeleton designed to provide the framework of a more substantial organization. America's peace-time requirements and post-war attitude permitted nothing else. The Yankee Division of today is vastly different. Twice within the last year has it been increased in personnel. Since 1935 a Quartermaster regiment has been an integral part of the Division. Old motors which had been a legacy of the World War have been replaced by new equipment. Additional motor equipment has been furnished to organizations and it is expected that before the end of this year much more such equipment will be on hand. One of our infantry regiments is completely equipped with the Garand Rifle. Our horse-drawn Field Artillery was one of the first Artillery units to be motorized. When the 26th Division completes the contemplated training period it should present the spectacle of a completely trained and equipped military division. It is well on the way to this objective right now. The veterans of the old Yankee Division should then see a modernized version of the Yankee Division which they knew.

Since 1935 the 26th Division has been ordered to participate in Army maneuvers on three different occasions. In 1935 they went to the Pine Camp Maneuvers; in 1939 to Plattsburg; and they have just returned from the maneuvers in Saint Lawrence County, New York.

There can be no doubt that the true objectives of all these maneuvers were successfully accomplished. Unfortunately the military art as practiced in peace time does not lend itself to dramatization. As a consequence emphasis is laid by the press and the public upon aspects of the maneuvers which have little or nothing to do with the true military problem. Maneuvers which

last two or three weeks can hardly be expected to transform civilian recruits into finished soldiers, nor can they be expected to develop and uncover the great and unusual qualities of leadership which guarantee the outcome of battle. They can only serve to open the eyes of the men concerned to their problem, to reveal the weaknesses of our methods, and to guide us in our future training.

Everybody on the street wants to know who won the war at the maneuvers, but this is only an item of newspaper interest. *Everybody wins at the maneuvers if mistakes are recognized, if deficiencies in method are discovered, and if corrective measures are suggested by the experience.* The Pine Camp maneuvers in 1935 were essentially exercises testing the administrative and supply capabilities of our military organization. It revealed the ability of our army to affect a concentration by rail and motors in a given area and to supply the troops.

Last year's exercises at Plattsburg tested the same capabilities with the added feature of more extensive tactical training. The maneuvers in northern New York this year tested everything — supply and administration; troop movements to and from the maneuver area; and tactical control of units, large and small.

The opportunity to exercise control of large commands is limited in our country. While small unit Commanders may function with troops in their annual exercises, the rare opportunity of Division, Corp, and Army Commanders to function in the field is only provided by Army maneuvers.

Some might consider the conduct of these higher Commanders in maneuvering their troops as the act of men engaged in a mimic war, but this is entirely a matter for the umpires. Whether one element or another advances or withdraws depends entirely on the umpire, and what the umpire does is not invariably predicated upon the merits of the respective contenders but rather upon the training plan and the limited terrain situation. The maneuver is controlled in every sense of the term. The things that really count are not the decisions of the umpire with respect to the movements of troops but rather the questions identified with the major aspects of military organization and control.

Actually the maneuvers were a test designed to secure the answer to the following questions:

1. Were all units adequately supplied under these simulated war time conditions?
2. Did communications function?
3. Did orders reach their destination in time to be executed?
4. Did staffs coordinate the functions of the various branches of the service?
5. Did command elements keep in constant touch with their subordinates and influence them in the disposition and management of the troops?
6. Did the lower elements of the command react to the orders of the higher command as well disciplined and trained troops should?

The maneuvers furnished an answer to every one of these questions. No one contends that everything was perfect. Results varied in the different divisions. Doubtless many faults were recognized and room for improvement found, but, everything considered, the maneuvers revealed a compact body of men capable of coordinated effort, who were willing to work and willing to learn.

In the three weeks' period the First Army underwent unusual and extreme weather conditions. Very hot weather at the start and very cold weather at the finish made maneuvering disagreeable. The large Army maneuvers were held during a spell of rain which tested the enduring qualities of our boys. They stood up well under them. Their conduct and behavior brought forth the highest praise of the residents of the maneuver area.

Viewed in this practical light as a test of our man power, our leadership, and our methods, the maneuvers were a success. If the lessons learned from them are heeded, they will have been worth the effort and the cost.

FROM "THE BARRAGE"

"The Barrage", official publication of Lynn Chapter, YDVA, carries this trenchant thought, from the pen of P.N.C. Ray Doucette: "The old YD has a job. Teach the youth what real Americanism is. Let's not wait till it's too late, but go to town now and drive all the Communists and Fifth Columnists out — and do it with speed. This grand and glorious country, full of freedom and life, was good enough for them to migrate into a few years back. No other can compare with it. If these traitors don't like it now, if they are dissatisfied, and so miserable, ungrateful and treacherous as to have ideas or plans to double-cross the land that welcomed them, we of the YD will offer our services to drive them from our shores before it is too late."

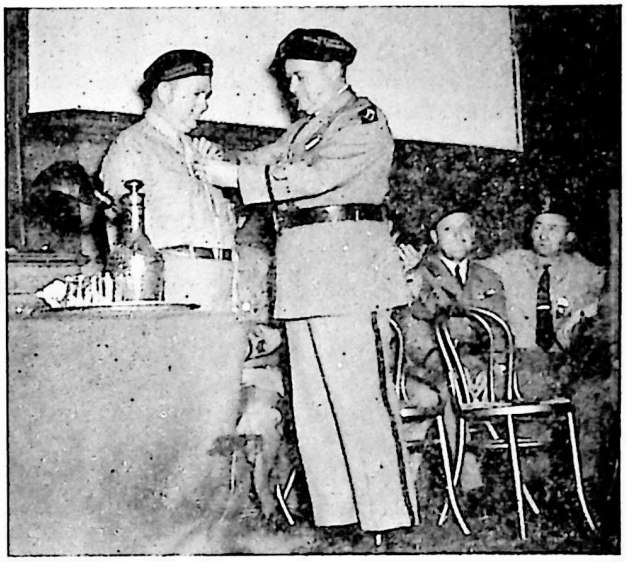
THOSE WHO DID THE WORK ON BOSTON YD CONVENTION

Any attempt to pass out credit for a job well done by naming names is always a ticklish proposition. You're bound to leave out somebody and usually it will turn out to be a man who has done the most of anybody. Your reporter would much prefer to have BEN JAMES, the General Chairman, tell who actually came through on their assignments, but Ben isn't here, so we'll take a shot at it.

Up in the front rank, taking precedence over all others, we've got to put the name of GUY WATTS. As Secretary of the Convention Committee and—at the same time—Secretary of the YD Club of Boston, most of the work from way back last winter has devolved upon him. He came through as he always does. The final few days before the Convention were a rising crescendo of last minute work to be done; then the four days of the convention itself, the only words heard around the Copley-Plaza lobby were: "You'll have to ask Guy, he knows about that." He was everywhere, answering every manner of question; and at the same time doing a large share of the work at the registration table, plus supervising the sale of berets, canes and emblems at another point in the lobby. Yes, Guy is so far out in No. 1 place, there ain't hardly no second place.

Next in line, in hours put in and an efficient piece of work handled in a good clean-cut way we find LEA REDFIELD. Red was Chairman of Registration. On the day the Convention opened, he had succeeded in signing up more advance registrations than any other convention we have ever held—nearly 800. During all day Thursday and Friday, and Saturday up until noon, he plugged his head off behind the registration tables. Whether he even went out to lunch we don't know: he was behind that table every time we looked, from nine in the morning till nine or ten or eleven at night. Assisting him were a group of about twelve men from F Co., 101st Engineers, two or three girls from the Boston Chamber of Commerce, and a half a score of other volunteer or paid helpers.

HOWARD HUNT, for his work in running off the many notices, letters, invitations and whatnot which had to be sent out, for his faithfulness at the membership table in the registration room, for his general helpfulness and thoroughgoing efficiency not only during the Convention but preceding it, must be placed high in the list.



P.N.C. Len Maloney Presents Past Commander's Badge to former National Commander Jerry O'Leary.

AUSTIN APPLEBY, although the uncontested candidate for National Commander, pitched in with his sleeves rolled up, on registration and every other job that anyone called upon him to do.

BEN JAMES, for his organizing of the Convention committees, his follow-up work to see that each was functioning, and his short-cut methods of conducting the meetings without superfluous discussion, deserves a hand.

AL PACIFICI as Treasurer might easily be overlooked. He isn't one to crow much over what he is doing. But he never messes a job, always has the facts at his finger tips, and turns in a clean job.

No account would be complete without mention of JERRY O'LEARY's masterly handling of the business meetings of the Convention, where he succeeded at all times in maintaining a proper balance between the speeches delivered by distinguished guests and the actual business to be transacted by the body.

Going down the line to the chairmen of the sub-committees, each of the following did what was required of him faithfully and well: Boxing Show, FRED JACKSON and DICK MERRICK; Parade, Gen. EDGAR ERICKSON; Military Ball,

Al Barnard; Memorial Services, Fay Foss and Tony Rock; Housing, John Collins and Gerry Wogan; Publicity, Paul Hines; Ways and Means, Ralph Eastman and George Bentley. Your reporter supposes he has to take a bow too, for the Souvenir Program, although the d--- thing ran about $500.00 over the appropriation allotted to it, and he feels like a nickel about that part of it.

Then there were the officials of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the City of Boston whose cooperation made the difference between a convention in the red and one in the black. Here we scarcely dare to name any names for fear the credit will go to the wrong men. But we do know that Representative John Comerford had much to do with the State's appropriation of $3000.00; and Mayor Tobin was the prime mover in getting the City to appropriate $5000.00.

Without doubt somebody has been unintentionally overlooked. We hope they won't feel we've left their name out on purpose. If they do, just drop a line and give this reporter hell.

THE BATTLE OF BOUCQ

Historians have recorded in many an age and time
Historic battles of the past in every land and clime;
Thermopolae and Waterloo, Sedan and Bunker Hill,
And Joffre's Triumph on the Marne which stopped old Kaiser Bill.

But of these many battles, none was fought so well
As that which happened down at Boucq, which tale I have to tell;
For of the 102nd, surely no one will deny
The bravest is the company whose name is the Supply.

In our barracks we were sleeping with no thought in our dome
Of war or battles dangers, we dreamed of peace and home.
When with their whole artillery, the low-lived German swine
Decided to bombard us with twelve inch, three inch, nine.

So our sleep was interrupted, in our dreams the cannon sang
That old familiar song to us — Whooee! Sizzle, Bang!
At first the noise we heeded not for unto us it seemed
We still were carting rations and that the noise we dreamed.

Till down the aisle came charging our gallant captain brave,
Whose name is Michael Connors, who cried in accents grave,
"Drag ass, drag ass, my noble boys; drag ass without delay
Or else the German G.I. cans will scatter you like hay."

With his trousers in his left hand and his shoes held in his right
He strove by good example to hasten us to flight;
And after him our second Lieut., named Cleveland Feusenich
Endeavored to outstrip him, but his legs were not so quick.

For now they sure were coming and dropping here and there,
They made more damn commotion than the band at Wolcott Fair.
I waited not for stockings or orders wished to know
I only wished that on my foot an eagle's wings would grow.

Delayed I not for spiral putts nor stooped my shoes to tie
Altho' they tripped me more than once when ere I tried to fly.
So at the forefront ran Jam Brooks throughout this noble race
With Big Yorke and Pete Decao trying hard for second place.

And some fled in pajamas and some in B.V.D.'s
And some had nothing on at all, bare waist and legs and knees;
But Peterson our noble vet, that brave and valiant Swede
Within whose veins flows Viking's blood, outstripped us on his steed.

He stayed not for a saddle, put no bridle on his mule

But flew so fast he passed the shells and gained the town of Toul
Joe Fat his fellow worker would not be left behind
Altho' for comfort, — not for speed — his shape is sure designed.

For beer and good bologna and also sauerkraut
Had made him far too fat to ride, to run he was too stout;
But on the tail of Pete's good mule, his fingers fastened fast
And on his belly dragged along, and sometimes on his — .

And now and then a shell would sing and in our midst would drop
And when we heard its singing voice, upon our face we'd flop,
And brave St. Cyr, he ran all day till out of range he passed
And wore his gas-mask all the time for fear he might be gassed.

So thru the fields did scatter and on our face did lie
Until the shells slacked up a bit and heard Lt. Houley cry,
"Come here my brave and valiant boys, your work is just begun,
Your mules and wagons you must save before you say you're done."

"To hell with all the mules," I said, "G - - damn their hair and hide
I'd rather save my skin than theirs", at which our Louie cried,
"G - - damn it; shake your legs, Jam Brooks, and harness up your mules
And load your wagon up with grub and then break the traffic rules."

And so we loaded our supplies and left the camp to rust
And down the road we drove so fast all one could see was dust,
But Butte Pete had worked so fast in saving mules and cart
He said, "Oh Captain Connors, sure I've played a hero's part.

"And won't you recommend me for a glorious Croix de Guerre",
And Captain Connors said, "You're right, and one you'll surely wear,
For Blacksmith Carr this night will make for you an iron cross
For you much more becoming than a cross with gold embossed".

But Sgt. William Griffin a real citation won
Of our many heroes, he was the only one
For when we first retreated, he fled so far before
He did not come back to our camp till all the fight was o'er.

And would not even then have turned but that he had to eat
And knew that in our kitchen was a joint of good roast meat,
So when he reached the kitchen no other soul was there
And down he sat to feed his face as hungry as a bear.

When General Edwards riding by asked why he did delay
When all troops had been ordered to quit the town that day,
"Oh, sir I am no coward and wherefore should I fly
For here are all our rations and I'm Sergeant of Supply.

"Since no one stayed to guard it, I placed myself on guard
And all day long have watched it in spite of shellings hard".
"Well done, well done my noble boy," said General Edwards then
If you don't get one Croix de Guerre, you surely deserve ten."

So this is what once happened way down at Boucq one day
And though we left quite hastily, it's only truth to say
That if retreat you call it, though well I know you won't
The first time such a thing was known, we retreated towards the front!

— By Jam Brooks.

LET'S HAVE A FORUM

YANKEE DOINGS will welcome the views of its readers on vital questions of the day: preparedness, intervention, defense, conscription, etc. Let's sound off, as in the good old days.

In asking correspondents to be brief, your editor fears he isn't setting a very good example with the lengthy editorials of last month and this. However, let's hope others are less long-winded.

A PLAN FOR YD CHAPTERS TO SERVE IN TIME OF EMERGENCY

The following "Emergency Plan" for service to the community in time of emergency, was submitted by LEON DENIS to Lynn Chapter. A meeting of the Chapter turned it over to the Executive Committee for further study. The Chapter Executive Committee, in turn, turned it over to the Civilian Defense Committee, who, according to Commander WALTER SMITH, " . . . were very enthusiastic about it, and plan to use it as a basis for an organization set-up of their own."

It is printed here in the hope that some of the larger chapters of the YDVA will actually organize on similar lines, with the approval of course of their local civilian defense authorities and police force. The reaction of the Lynn Police Department is given in a letter from Chief Callahan to DENIS, which follows the outline of the plan.

Officers and Members
Lynn Chapter, Yankee Division Veterans Ass'n.
168 Broad Street, Lynn, Mass.

Gentlemen:—

In accordance with a policy outlined at the regular business meeting of Lynn Chapter, Yankee Division Veterans Association on Tuesday, June 4th, the following proposed organization of the Lynn Chapter for "Emergency Duty" in assisting the duly constituted authorities of the City of Lynn are submitted.

"Organization of Lynn Chapter, Yankee Division Veterans Association for "Emergency Duty" in event of any act of God such as flood, earthquake, hurricane, conflagration or man-made emergencies such as invasion, insurrection, riot and such: in which event the proper and duly constituted authorities of the City of Lynn are not deemed adequate to cope with the situation as it arises."

1. In the event any of the foregoing emergencies occur or any other "Emergency" of similar proportion, the entire membership and all facilities of the Lynn Chapter, Yankee Division Veterans Association are placed at the disposal of any department of the City Government needing assistance.

2. The activities of the Lynn Chapter in such event will be carried out under the following general organization:—

(a) Administration and correspondence and fiscal affairs — to be administered at a "Command Post" to be operated by the Chapter Commander, assisted by the Chapter Secretary and Chapter Treasurer, and as many others as the situation may require.

(b) Intelligence group — to secure information relative to progress of events consequential to the emergency, and keep both the Chapter "P.C." and the press informed; to combat and dispel any erroneous, radical or other improper data being given out by other persons or groups, tending to give an improper picture of the situation or mislead the general public.

(c) Rescue group — to have charge and operate such rescue and life saving facilities as may be made available and suitable to the occasion.

(d) Law enforcement group — to have charge and perform such police and law enforcement duties as facilities available and the situation may require, in cooperation with the local police dept., national guard or other duty constituted force.

(e) Housing group — to have charge of and provide proper shelter and emergency housing for any refugees as a result of the emergency. (Includes gas and bomb proof shelter.)

(f) Supply group — to provide emergency feeding facilities such as "messing" arrangements and such clothing and other emergency supplies as refugees may require for their immediate needs.

(g) Health and sanitation group — to have charge of and operate such first aid, sanitary and other health facilities as the occasion may require such as the treatment and care of sick, injured or wounded: sanitary measures to prevent epidemics, infection, etc. (Includes de-gassing of areas.)

(h) Transportation group — to have charge of and operate such transportation facilities as may be available and the situation may require for the transportation of emergency supplies, sick, wounded, and other personnel. To supervise a "priority" arrangement and pooling of transportation for the above.

(i) Liaison group — to keep the "Chapter C.P." in constant touch with the various "groupments" of the Chapter in operation as well as the city government departments with which the Chapter may be operating and keeping all in close touch with developments as the situation warrants.

(j) Live stock group — to have charge of and impound all live stock not properly cared for and rendered without shelter, food, etc, by the emergency.

3. It is recommended that, at some future meeting of the Chapter or its executive committee, personnel from the membership of the Lynn Chapter who would be available for service under the foregoing emergency plan, be interviewed with a view to *assignment* to a given group or task as outlined herein and that each such groupment be given instructions to complete its organization and make such advance or preliminary plans beforehand or research as will make their services the more efficient in the event of a call upon the Chapter for their service in the foregoing capacities.

4. It is further recommended that, upon the completion of such "groupment organization" the City Government of Lynn be informed in detail of the availability of the Lynn Chapter, Yankee Division Veterans Association for emergency service, and that in the meantime the City Government be informed of the fact the Chapter is tendering its services to the City and the probable extent to which its organization for such work will proceed until final plans are made and offered to those concerned.

5. Having in mind a full realization of the detailed work which may be involved in the foregoing research, planning, etc., this proposition is made at this time that proper and deliberate steps may be taken in time to forestall any omission that may result in the *neglect* of any eventuality which a call to emergency duty may entail.

6. Ever mindful that a public service such as this means much, "for" or "against" the Chapter, may I urge that all steps be taken carefully and final action only after due consideration of all possible angles and opposition that may be foreseen either in the process of planning or at any time while this plan may be operating under an "emergency" that might call for the maximum effort on our part.

Respectfully submitted,

LEON F. DENIS

City of Lynn, Massachusetts
Department of Police
Edward D Callahan, Chief

Mr. Leon F. Denis
29 Baker St., Lynn, Mass. July 10, 1940

Dear sir:

A few weeks ago I received a communication from you relative to a proposed "organization" of the Lynn Chapter for "emergency duty" in assisting the duly constituted authorities in the City of Lynn.

I read with interest of the various activities that would be carried out by the Lynn Chapter under general organization and cannot see but that each activity enumerated by you would be essential should any great catastrophe overtake us. Of course, there are a number of other activities not enumerated by you that could be undertaken by other interested groups in case of an invasion of our country, which we all sincerely hope will never occur. Our water supply, gas and electric supply, sewerage, telephone and telegraph communication and industrial buildings and industrial units manufacturing goods indispensible to the welfare of the nation would need the protection that could be given only by a well trained, well disciplined, patriotic civilian army recruited from those above the military age limit set by the U. S. Government, or who although of military age but because of physical defects or dependency would not be accepted for military service.

Police departments, as a rule, are numerically small and are maintained usually for the purpose of combating ordinary criminal activities and would undoubtedly find it difficult to quell a hostile organized force of any size, particularly where the opposing forces strike at a number of widely separated points in a city. Therefore, it is well, for us all to coolly think over any plans that we might have, or need, to fully safeguard our liberty, our homes and the lives of our citizens while we are not in the stress or excitement of an emergency.

I am heartily in accord with your proposed activities as I know that the members of your organization have been previously under military training and realize the value and necessity of planned disciplined action whenever conditions demand it. I will be glad to cooperate further with you on this matter in any way that I may.

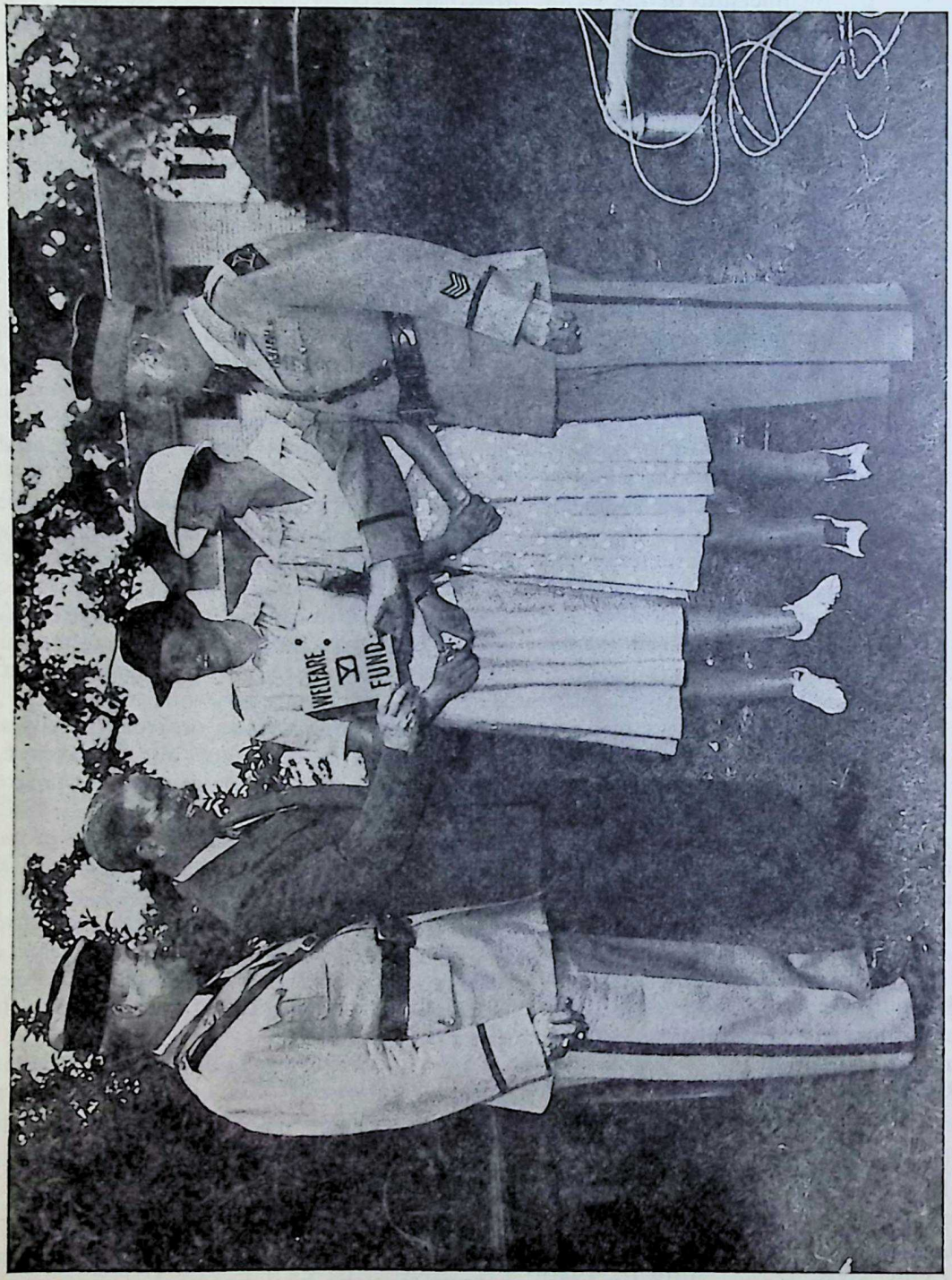
/S/ Edward D. Callahan,
Chief of Police.

This particular paragraph seems to call for an additional group which might be known as a utilities group.

THE BOSTON YD CONVENTION

The Treasurer of the Boston YD Convention reports that the final financial statement of the Convention is not yet ready for publication. It will be published in an early edition of YANKEE DOINGS.

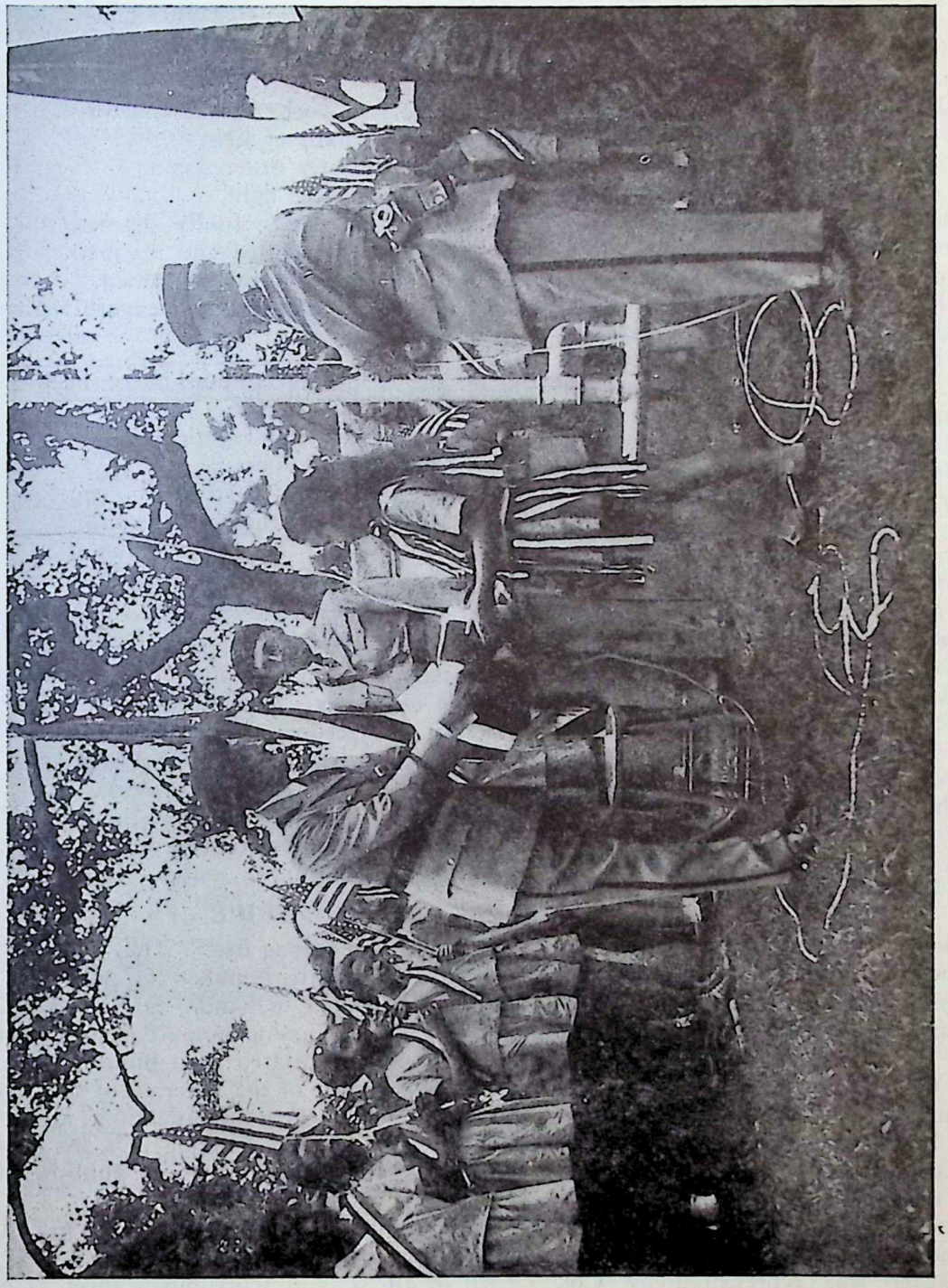
WHAT IS *YOUR*



NEW HAVEN CHAPTER HELPS UNDERPRIVILEGED YOUNGSTERS

The entire contents of the Welfare Fund box that was in evidence at every meeting of the chapter last year was turned over to the New Haven *Register*-Family Society Fresh Air Camp at Branford. PNC LEN MALONEY, Miss Anne Hughart and Mrs. Lewis Sargent, of the Family Society, look on as Past Commander FRANK P. LEE turns over the box to Roger A. Connolly, managing editor of the *Register*.

CHAPTER DOING?



NEW HAVEN CARRIES ON FOR "DADDY" EDWARDS

New Haven Chapter interprets General Edwards' command to "Carry On" as indicated in the above picture. Commander Fred V. Hinsch is shown presenting Old Glory and a 40-foot flag pole to Angela Skeris, one of the youngsters benefiting from the fresh air camp maintained at Branford, Conn. by the New Haven *Register* and the Family Society of New Haven. Treasurer Joe Schunk looks on while PNC Len Maloney is ready to assist in raising the colors.

GENERAL JAMES A. HAGGERTY

JIM HAGGERTY, Connecticut's foremost soldier, loved by the legion of men who served under him during his 41 years with the Connecticut National Guard, has passed on. Jim died on July 15 exactly as he would have wished — in uniform and while discussing plans for the training of the 85th Infantry Brigade with Adjutant General R. B. Delacour in the State Armory at Hartford. It was thought that Jim had successfully licked a series of serious illnesses which have beset him during the past few years and his death was a shock to his many friends.

Brigadier General Haggerty was in his 62nd year when he died, having been born in Hartford in 1879. His widow, Mrs. Margaret Bowen Haggerty, survives.

Jim enlisted in the old 2nd Conn. Infantry in 1899 and rose from the rank of private to the captaincy of the old Sarsfield Guard, which office he held when the Guard was called out for border duty in 1916. They almost broke Jim's heart by telling him he had high blood pressure and could not accompany his command to the Mexican border. Some months later when we entered the World War the doughty warrior enlisted again as a private, moving rapidly to first lieutenant, captain and major. He was cited twice for bravery in action and at the Marne had the satisfaction of commanding under fire the battalion he should have taken to the border. After the war Jim did much to re-organize the National Guard and for many years he was in command of the 85th Infantry Brigade.

Gen. Haggerty was the first commander of YD Post 130, American Legion, and the first commander of New Haven Chapter, YDVA. A week prior to his death the General posed for a picture which is to hang in the new YD Chateau, the home of New Haven Chapter.

Full military honors were accorded the General and his funeral was one of the largest ever seen in New Haven. New Haven Chapter members paid their respect in a body and Past National Commander LEN MALONEY was an honorary pall bearer. At the interment in Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery, Hartford, the State Department was represented by State Commander WILLIAM ALLEN, Past Commander GARDINER H. HALL, Sergeant at Arms EUCLID PIMPARE and Hartford Chapter was represented by Col. JOSEPH P. NOLAN and a number of members. HOWARD HUNT represented the state of Rhode Island Department.

TO THE 101st F.A. AT COETQUIDAN

The following verses were written by BEN PITMAN at Coetquidan, Brittany, on Christmas, 1917, and read to the officers' mess at Christmas dinner.

We did not wait to be shown the way,
To the shining path of light,
We were not merely ordered out
Of barrack rooms to fight,
We had seen the nation foully shamed,
Brothers and sisters killed and maimed,
The very name of our race defamed,
And we sprang with an eager, vengeful wrath
To join in the cause of right.

We are proud that our guidons blaze the way
In the van of the volunteers,
We are proud that our regiment was named
For a place in the pioneers.
The course to the goal is still to be run,
The payment of debt has but begun,
The debt we owe to the grizzly Hun,
Please God we'll pay with the crashing roar
Of the guns of our cannoneers.

All that is dear we have left behind,
With steel-clad will we go,
Forward to bear our share of strife,
To crush all Freedom's foe.
To fight for the sake of crushing Might,
To carry the torch of Justice's light,
To avenge our nation's honor's slight,
And we pledge our record to ever be
As bright as the shining snow.

TRIPE

A publication calling itself "The Voice of the People", Volume I, Number 1, published at Miami, Fla., comes to hand. So far as is apparent, a person signing himself "E. D. Goodfellow" has appropriated unto himself the title of Acting Secretary of the Veterans of the World War — a non-existent organization, so far as DOINGS knows. He's taking in a lot of territory. He is not only editor and publisher, but also sole contributor.

The sheet uses most of its four pages in calling for the impeachment of President Roosevelt.

All in all, it is as scurrilous a sheet as ever came to our attention, and its espousal of Willkie should do far more to harm his cause than to help it.

GEN. HARBORD ON NATIONAL DEFENSE

General James G. Harbord, formerly Commanding General of the Second Division, A.E.F., at present chairman of the board of Radio Corporation of America, delivered an address to the reunion of the veterans of the Second Division in St. Louis on July 20. YANKEE DOINGS has received a printed copy of that address. The entire address merits reading; we must content ourselves with quoting a few pointed excerpts.

"In the blue of our domestic skies there are some gleams of a foreign red and native yellow . . . . Boys and girls of college age have been encouraged to believe that tradition and experience are of trifling value beside the inspiration of class-conscious youth."

"The vices of a volunteer system of raising troops lie not in the men who volunteer but in those who do not."

"It is leadership that counts in war, and if war comes our country should wisely make use of your experience, as have the victorious Germans in their war."

"By your experience and position and your memories of the old days, and in representation of those of your comrades who have gone before, you are really members of an unofficial committee for the National Defense."

"We shall be a decadent people when it is no longer true that we are ready to give our lives for our country when honor demands it."

IT IS NOW BRIGADIER GENERAL "MACHINE GUN" PARKER

YANKEE DOINGS once before announced, prematurely as it turned out, the promotion of Col. JOHN HENRY PARKER to the ranks of Brigadier General, U.S.A. Retired. It can now be announced that Special Orders 197, War Department, August 21, 1940, announces this promotion. Congratulations on an honor well earned.

Incidentally, Gen. PARKER's story, entitled, "Action Front", is in the hands of Gotham House, publishers, of New York City.

A machine gun and a Parker seem to go together. The Captain John Parker of Revolutionary War fame, whose statue at Lexington, Mass. appears on this month's cover, through the courtesy of the publishers of LIFE, is flanked by such a weapon in the observance of Lexington's Preparedness Day. Our Gen. PARKER is a collateral descendant of Captain John Parker of Lexington.

HOW THEY VOTED

Of course, a U. S. Senator may have had the best of reasons for believing that compulsory military service is unnecessary; or thinking that when war is declared is time enough. Whatever their reasons, here is how the New England Senators voted on the Burke-Wadsworth Bill for compulsory military training — as amended:

FOR THE BILL

Maine: Frederick Hale, Wallace H. White.
New Hampshire: H. Styles Bridges, Charles W. Tobey.
Vermont: Warren R. Austin.
Massachusetts: Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr.
Rhode Island: Peter G. Gerry, Theodore Francis Green.

AGAINST THE BILL

Massachusetts: David I. Walsh.
Connecticut: John A. Danaher, Francis T. Maloney.

NOT VOTING

Senator Gibson of Vermont, recently appointed to fill the unexpired term of his father, the late Senator Ernest W. Gibson.

The terms of the following Senators expire with the present Congress:

Austin of Vermont, Gerry of Rhode Island, Hale of Maine, Maloney of Conn., Walsh of Mass. DOINGS is not informed which of these gentlemen are running for re-election.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Editorials in DOINGS — all the rest is news — are not written for praise or censure. They are written in the hope of making articulate the voice of the Yankee Division. The editorial in the August issue aroused considerable written comment. One or two who felt it was perhaps too pessimistic, but all were commendatory. The comments will not be printed here: it wasn't published to court pats on the back. It was in deadly earnest, and it isn't the fact that so many readers found it good that pleases DOINGS, so much as that the message went home.

Among those to write were: Congressman LAWRENCE CONNERY; P.N.C. LEN MALONEY; Col. RALPH HALLETT, of the U. S. Maritime Commission; Col. JAMES L. HOWARD, Vice President of the Travellers Insurance Co.; National Historian HARRY BUGBEE, Secretary CHARLES H. SMITH of Detroit Chapter.

The article was reprinted in the Congressional Record through the kindly interest of LARRY CONNERY. (We'd like to bet they wouldn't want to print the one this month.)

DEPARTMENT AND CHAPTER NEWS

National Commander: Austin F. Appleby, 333 Washington St., Boston, Mass.
National Secretary: Philip N. Sanborn, 200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

WHY WOULDN'T THIS WORK?

Right here in these columns, where the news of your own Chapter appears, and is read by every member in town, is the place for you to have your business listed. If you run a filling station or a barber shop or a tavern, or whatever, don't make a deep secret of it. Let the world know. You'll find it pays. YD men will patronize YD men whenever they get the chance. We'll put in your name, business location, and what it is you sell, for a whole year for $5.00. If that's too much, send in 50c and we'll put it in for one issue, just to show you it'll pay dividends.

MEMBERSHIP STANDING

Membership standing by chapters has changed so little during the dull weeks of August, that there seems to be no point in publishing the list in detail. By Departments, as of August 31, the standing was as follows:

	1940	1939
Department of Maine	128	77
Department of N. H.	195	242
Department of Vermont	97	74
Department of Mass.	1425	1247
Department of R. I.	259	248
Department of Conn.	747	936
Department of U. S.	386	370
TOTAL	3237	3194

DEPARTMENT OF MAINE

Dep't. Commander: Hazen O. Hagar, 28 Maine Ave., Portland, Maine

As reported in the Boston newspapers, Department Commander HAGAR was painfully injured on August 25, by a fire and explosion in the garage where he is employed. DOINGS has heard no further details except that he was taken to the Maine General Hospital. All of us deeply hope that it is not as bad as pictured, and that our Department Commander will be back with us soon.

Watch for something getting started in Bangor within a month or so. We won't say any more here, but believe the right man is on the job in that area now.

FARMINGTON

"Franklin County Chapter"
Commander: Hubert T. Frary
Farmington, Maine
Secretary: Rex W. Parsons
Box 684, Farmington, Maine

We had a nice meeting of Franklin County Chapter, during July at the cottages of HERVEY B. JENNINGS and ALMON D. PRATT on the shore of Porter Lake in Strong. There were eight members present with their wives and children making a total of 20. We did not have a formal business meeting but talked of having the next meeting at some centrally located place and invite the Androscoggin Valley Chapter and the Waterville Chapter for a joint outdoor picnic and meeting. It was left in my hands to get in touch with the Commanders of the Chapters and find out what they thought about it. I have done so and so far have had a letter from FRED SHAW of the Lewiston Chapter but have not heard from Commander PORIER of Waterville. Will send in a report if we are successful in holding such a meeting.

— REX W. PARSONS.

LEWISTON

"Androscoggin Valley Chapter"
Commander: J. Fred Shaw
5 Vale Street, Lewiston, Me.
Secretary: William E. Roach
179 College St., Lewiston, Me.

Our YD soft ball team wound up the season in a second place tie in an eight-team league, with ten won and four lost.

CHAPTERS !

Do You Know Who — and Where — Your Delinquent Members Are? The National Secretary Will Send You The Names and Addresses of Your Delinquents for the Past Four Years, on Request.

DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Dep't. Commander: William J. McNulty, 6 High St., Nashua, N. H.
Dep't. Secretary: Edward S. LeBlanc, Nashua, N. H.

MANCHESTER

Commander: John W. Dunlap
401 Highland St., Manchester, N. H.
Secretary: Edward St.-Jean
845 Clay St., Manchester, N. H.

The last meeting held by this Chapter was last June just before the National Convention, with the only activity since a special meeting to appoint a committee to arrange for the drawing up of the required plans to start the ball rolling for the National Convention here in Manchester, N. H. next June 5-6-7-8, which has already been in DOINGS.

The officers have been elected as you were already informed. The Corporation has been incorporated so now it looks like we are ready to go to work.

There seems to be a lot of interest here in Manchester among the members, and it is hoped that the interest will be far reaching so that our membership will be the largest on record in this City.

Several of our members headed by WALTER BOARDMAN are very active right now in making plans for the 75th Anniversary of Sheridan Guard Ass'n. This ass'n. is made up of members of the old New Hampshire National Guard, who have served in the company known as the Sheridan Guard, which in the last war went into the 103rd Infantry.

In regard to the Convention wish to state that the advance registrations have come in pretty good for such a little effort. We of the convention hope that all the members will take it upon themselves to open up the zipper on the old sock and send in the $2.00 advance registration as it sure will be a help to put this next convention over with a bang. More on the convention later.

The next meeting of the Chapter will be Wed., Sept. 11, 1940, at which time plans will be made for Fall and Winter.

— J. W. D.

STATE MEETING

Our plans have been changed somewhat since last June. At the June State meeting Nashua Chapter said that it would entertain the State Dept. on Sunday, September 1st, but Commander ALPHONSE TANGUAY has requested that we hold our State Meeting Sept. 22nd, instead, on account of Labor Day being on the second of the month. Therefore we will be seeing you-all in Nashua the 22nd at V.F.W. Home.

There hasn't been very much activities in the Dept. insofar as meetings are concerned, but we, of the Y.D.V.A., have been very busy covering clambakes put on by the YD, VFW, A.L., and the Lowell get-together which was held in Tyngsboro Mass. And talking about the Lowell gathering, it was held on the same Sunday as the Nashua Chapter's Clambake. Did the Nashua boys stay home? They did not, they left the grounds in five (5) cars driven by such outstanding chauffeurs as Commander BILL MCNULTY, EARLE WILLIAMS, NORMAN SPENCER, DIAMOND NADEAU and ALPHONSE TANGUAY, made their visit and came back at dusk where they proceeded to check up on the empties.

BILL MCNULTY has already made contacts with quite a few comrades of the YD in the vicinity of North Conway and Berlin, (New Hampshire, not Germany) and Peterboro for new Chapters. He also made contacts with former members of the YDVA in Dover and Laconia where he has been promised some action in the near future.

— E. S. L.

DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT

Dep't. Commander: Raymond E. Collins, 101 Grove St., Rutland, Vt.

A meeting for the purpose of organizing a Department of Vermont will be called by Commander COLLINS during September, and will be attended by the National Commander. After that, DOINGS will have more to report from the Green Mountain State.

Ray is at least doing his darndest. Bulletins have gone out periodically to the Chapters in the state urging them to cooperate and not relinquish their charters on October 1 by default (having less than 10 paid-up members.) Three chapters, Burlington, Springfield, and Bellows Falls exist on paper only. The other four are doing quite nicely thank you: Rutland, Brattleboro, Montpelier-Barre and St. Albans.

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

Dep't. Commander: John T. Sullivan, 16 Goodwin Ave., Revere, Mass.
Dep't. Secretary: Gilbert T. Cass, 20 Charles St., Danvers, Mass.

This issue goes to press too early to tell of the big shindig at Fitchburg on Sunday, September 8. We're a-hoping the boys and gals turn out in large numbers. The Fitchburg crowd has worked hard to put on this outing and dinner.

State Meeting — Springfield — August 4

The meeting in the Mahogany Room of the Springfield Municipal Building on Sunday, August 4 was poorly attended. Many reasons might be given: it was a beautiful day, and many probably took trips to the beaches, etc.; also Springfield is a long way from the eastern part of the state where the majority of the chapters are.

Department Commander SULLIVAN presided, and about the only piece of business transacted was the adoption of a resolution, which is given below. The resolution was presented by the National Secretary.

RESOLUTION

The following Resolution was adopted by the Department of Massachusetts, Yankee Division Veterans Association, on Sunday, August 4, 1940.

Resolved: That the Department of Massachusetts, Yankee Division Veterans Association views with grave concern the apparent tendency of some elective office holders in the Federal government to meet the issue of possible national peril, and national defense, in a spirit of political expedience.

That this organization urges with all earnestness the adoption by Congress at the earliest possible hour of a selective service act which shall make all males between the ages of 18 and 64 liable for compulsory service to the United States, either in a military or naval capacity, or in civilian defense industries — as the Congress may decide.

That such act shall not prohibit voluntary military enlistment.

That the President of the United States be immediately granted war-time authority to limit the profits of manufacturers of arms and implements of war, and to compel immediate necessary expansion of productive capacity, without the delay of awaiting a final plan for taxing excess profits or future liquidation of capital investment.

That this organization pledges itself to work unremittingly and to the extent of its ability for the defeat and retirement to private life of any elective office holder who permits thoughts of his own personal future to influence his legislative or executive activity to the detriment of national defense.

That copies of this Resolution be sent to the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Military Affairs; the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Naval Affairs; the Chairman of the House Committee on Military Affairs; the Chairman of the House Committee on Naval Affairs; and to the two Senators from Massachusetts, and all members of the House of Representatives from Massachusetts.

— JOHN T. SULLIVAN,
Department Commander.

GILBERT T. CASS,
Department Secretary.

BEVERLY

Commander: George A. Bright
39 Eastern Ave., Beverly, Mass.
Secretary: Cedric Hodgman
19 Federal St., Beverly, Mass.

YD activities in Beverly Chapter during the summer months have been somewhat dormant, but with cooler weather coming and vacations at an end, shells will begin to burst. We have added a few paid-up members and we are interested in a plan sponsored by the Beverly Chamber of Commerce.

DANVERS

Commander: Edward W. Bates
20 Central Ave., Danvers, Mass.
Secretary: Charles W. Davis
21 Holten St., Danvers, Mass.

Danvers Chapter has not been active during the months of July and August, but we resume our meetings the last week of September with a feed at our old standby Mrs. Pike's Inn, where we plan to hold our meetings in the future. We find that if you give the boys a good feed before starting the meeting we get at least eighty percent of the boys to show out.

ED BATES, our commander, is trying to get a large turnout for the Dept. Meeting and Field Day for Fitchburg, and any of the boys who have attended a meeting by Fitchburg Chapter

know they sure go to town when they put on a show.

Sorry to report that we lost one of our good comrades by death in August, I refer to our late comrade FRANK DRAPER, who served with Batt. F, 101 F.A. Frank was one of the charter members of the chapter, and one of the organizers of the local post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Frank had not been well for the past six years, suffering with severe heart trouble and arthritis of the spine. We buried Frank with full military honors, conducted by the local post of the V F W assisted by the YD, some 40 of his old comrades of the YD attended and the pall bearers were his old buddies from Batt. F.

— CHARLES DAVIS.

BOSTON

Commander: Benjamin James
88 Broad St., Boston, Mass.
Secretary: H. Guy Watts
200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

Jerry O'Leary (not *our* JERRY, but the radio "Ace Vox Popper") was guest speaker of the evening at the smoker on August 15. Despite midsummer vacations and all, the attendance was excellent, and Jerry kept the audience delighted with the same line of patter he shoots over the ether waves, interviewing ten members of the Club, on baseball questions, and quizzes in other lines too.

FITCHBURG

Commander: Thomas Kennedy
121 Boutelle St., Fitchburg, Mass.
Secretary: Bernard W. Brown
73 Blossom St., Fitchburg, Mass.

This issue won't be out in time for it to do any good to tell all the pleasures we have in store for the State Meeting on September 8.

At our August 14 meeting it was voted to hold two meetings a month, the second meeting each month in the form of a good time and get together. Our August 27 meeting brought out 42 members, including the Mayor, who gave us an interesting talk on city affairs; also Comrade McBRIDE, Chairman of the City Council, who outlined for us the manoeuvres at Potsdam, N.Y. where he acted in the capacity of Battalion Commander.

Commander KENNEDY told of the fine progress being made on the plans for the Outing and Field Day on September 8. DAN MORAN just loves to keep reading the menu to us (must be trying to work up an appetite for himself).

Committee chairmen for the outing were chosen as follows:

Grounds, SAMUEL FARRELL; games, FRANK TOOMEY; sports, JOHN HAROLD CRAIN; dinner, DAN MORAN; tickets, BERNARD W. BROWN; refreshments, GEORGE O'SULLIVAN.

— B. W. B.

HAVERHILL

Commander: Martin F. Goyette
95 Bradford Ave., Haverhill, Mass.
Secretary: W. Perry Tarleton
18 Chestnut St., Groveland, Mass.

Due to summer vacation, Haverhill Chapter held only one meeting in July and one in August. Nothing much doing except the regular routine of the business meeting.

August 7, about 40 members of the Chapter and Auxiliary together with guests from Boston, Georgetown, Groveland and Haverhill, met at the home of MATTIE GREENLEAF in a surprise birthday party for one of our auxiliary members, Sally Hart. Believe it or not, when Sally saw the birthday presents, the crowd of friends, which she justly deserves, with ice cream, home made cake and punch, she was bowled over. But the good sport that she is, she sat right down on the floor of the living room, with the gang gathered around, and opened her presents. For that evening it could be truly said "What a Girl was Sally."

Members of the chapter helped the Auxiliary at their Weinie Roast, held August 15, at the residence of Comrade CHARLES BRINDAMOUR. WILLIAM HAMILTON, JR., a member of our Junior Glee Club sang "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling", and "If I Had My Way", accompanied by EARLE MOOREHOUSE. Edith Rolfe of the Auxiliary played several selections on the guitar, singing "A Cowboy's Sweetheart".

As soon as vacations are over our Chapter, Auxiliary and Junior Glee Club will be heard from often.

— W. P. T.

LYNN

Commander: Walter Smith
53 New Ocean St., Swampscott, Mass.
Secretary: Earl M. Bailey
77 Kensington Lane, Swampscott, Mass.

The summer season was climaxed by our Annual Outing, August 24th at Tuck's Point, Manchester, Mass, a beautiful spot, plenty of kiddoes and every kind of game to make it a big day.

Commander WALTER SMITH and those two

demon workers, S.V.C. PERLEY KNIGHT and J.V.C. CLAUDE HOAG sure put over a fine program. About 75 children and 75 grown-ups made a lot of noise and all went home happy. The big feature was the annual ball game between the Artillery and Infantry, and as usual the Artillery showed its class and slaughtered the Infantry by a score of 46 to 15. P.N.C. RAY DOUCETTE captained the winners and P.C. BOB STANCHFIELD the losers.

Our livewire National Com. AUSTIN APPLEBY, and his cowboy Sgt.-at-Arms JIM SULLIVAN played with the Infantry but even though both hit home runs they couldn't inspire the doughboys. Playing for the Artillery were J. HENNESSEY, c; RAY DOUCETTE, p and 3rd; C. HOAG, 1st; E. LEWIS, p and 2nd; LARRY KELLEY, ss; P. HERATY, lf; L. PITMAN, rf; R. HENNESSEY, p and 3rd; A. COUILLARD, cf.

Infantry — J. RILEY, c; H. STANCHFIELD, p and ss; A. APPLEBY, 1st; J. SULLIVAN, 2nd; R. HEFTYE, p and ss; K. JANNELL, 3rd; W. SMITH, cf; R. COWAN, rf; E. GRIMES, lf; A. JANNELL, 3rd and cf.

"Muscles" VARNAM umpired and Rita Jannell acted as scorer. Game was called at the last of the sixth to save the Artillery from exhaustion, from running around the bases. Class will always win out sayeth the Artillerymen. Party was a huge success. 75 prizes were given out to winners of different events.

Regular meetings have been held every Tuesday this summer but of late have been lacking n attendance but after Labor Day watch us go.

Lynn put on a big National Defense Day at its Municipal Stadium and about 18,000 people witnessed the program of speakers which included our Mayor, Lt. Governor and Lt. Col. John Rice, U. S. A., followed by entertainment and a very spectacular air attack put on by the Beverly Air and Anti-Aircraft Gun Reserves. It was the most realistic I've seen for years. A parade preceded the event and yours truly acted as Chief of Staff and then took over as Master of Ceremonies at the Stadium. Colonel HENRY SILSBEE was one of the speakers and described and directed the Air Show and did a swell job.

By the way, Henry, or Harry as he is better known, is running for County Commissioner of Essex County, so don't forget a YD comrade at election time. Lynn YD men were very prominent in the big Stadium Program and Parade, and LESLIE PUGH and RUDY HEFTYE assisted in the air attack along with "Muscles" VARNAM. Lynn also voted unanimously in favor of Conscription and notified its leaders in Washington, D. C.

— RAY DOUCETTE, P.N.C.

MARLBOROUGH

Commander: Alphonse Lessard
Clover Hill, Marlborough, Mass.
Secretary: Harry Sherman
52 Neil St., Marlborough, Mass.

Marlborough has had a successful membership drive. So far we have 30 paid-up members, 19 of them new, that is, they were not members last year. Every one of the 19 has been received by Commander LESSARD and he will have many more by the October meeting. He says, "Have that YD ring ready."

HARRY SHERMAN has been appointed to represent the YD at the U.A.V. Convention in Marlborough, September 1. The post here is named for a YD man, Lieut. WILLIAM MONROE BRIGHAM, killed in action.

The American Legion Drum Corps of Marlborough won the State championship again, the ninth time, at Salisbury. Eleven members of YD Chapter are members of this famous corps.

— HARRY SHERMAN.

SPRINGFIELD

Commander: Roy M. Coons
51 Elmdale St., W. Springfield, Mass.
Commander: Roswell F. Patch
98 Alden St., Springfield, Mass.

Springfield YD Club will hold its next two regular meetings at the Hotel Charles, Friday, Sept. 6th, and Friday, Sept. 20th. Both meetings will start promptly at 8:00 P. M. Why not become an active member of the Club by attending meetings and supporting your officers?

Commander COONS has a real live program planned for the Fall and Winter months that will be of interest to each and every member. However, it will be impossible to carry out this program without the support of the officers and members. So let's all get behind him in order to make this a banner year for the local chapter. We are still a long way from that hundred members that we promised the National Commander, so how about getting a new member and bringing him down to the next meeting.

The Club and Auxiliary enjoyed two nice outings during the summer months: one at Look Memorial Park in July and the other at Ma. Egan's Estate in Wilbraham.

The Club sponsored a Circus, Carnival and Lawn Party combined during the week of August 12th at Memorial Square. Our hats are

off to Chairman MALEY of the Ways and Means Committee, as well as each member of the Club and Auxiliary who assisted in making this such a huge success.

Commander COONS has a committee headed by Comrade ED ROSS to revise our By-Laws. ED. and his committee are doing an outstanding job, and we expect to have the newly revised By-laws read and accepted at the next meeting.

At a recent meeting of the Club, Chairman ED. ROSS, of the National Defense Committee, presented the following resolution which was accepted, and released for publication.

Whereas: We, the members of the Springfield, Massachusetts Chapter of the Yankee Division Veterans Association, consider that this, our beloved country, the United States of America, is in grave danger from her enemies within and without. And

Whereas: We believe that the maintenance of peace, security, and American institutions may depend upon our being able to hold these privileges, even by force. Therefore

Be it resolved: That we go on record as being in favor of an adequate national defense. And

Be it further resolved: That, inasmuch as manpower is the prime requisite of national defense, we urge all men, who possibly can do so, to enlist in some branch of the nation's military or naval service.

We are all sorry to learn that JIMMY JOY is confined to the Veterans Hospital in Newington. How about dropping Jimmy a card?

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Comrade Dr. FRANK W. LARROW in the loss of his mother.

Springfield Chapter will be very well represented at the State Meeting in Fitchburg on Sunday, September 8th. Commander COONS has engaged one bus and has reservations to practically fill it. He may possibly have to hire another one to accommodate all the people who want to attend. Our soft ball team headed by Captain ED MALEY, have accepted a challenge to play the Fitchburg team, and we expect to have plenty of rooters with us. See you all in Fitchburg.

— R. F. PATCH, Secretary.

SPRINGFIELD YD AUXILIARY

There isn't much to tell about our annual outing which was held at Look Park, Northampton, Sunday, July 21st, because we were interrupted by a sudden rainstorm and all had to leave in a hurry. Of course we had time to eat our dinner and some of the crowd found time to have a swim.

The tug-of-war between the men and women was short and sweet. It only took the ladies about three minutes to pull the men off their feet. They didn't even have a chance of winning. We were very pleased to have Mr. and Mrs. HARRY PLUFF and their daughter of Haverhill with us.

We had another outing, Sunday, August 25th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Egan. Even though we did not have our usual large attendance, this was without doubt the livliest affair of the season, the main event being a soft-ball game between two outstanding teams, with four men and four women on each team. Soft ball like it was never played before. Another interesting event was the initiation of one of our members Rae Rush. ED MALEY, TOM DEE, and ROY COONS attempted to give her a ducking in the brook, but somehow or other TOM DEE slipped and got as wet as the victim did.

The following were winners in the field events — Roly-poly for children, Colleen Egan; sack race for children, Barbara Harris; men and women three-legged race, Rae Rush and AL HEBER; wheelbarrow race, Irene Maley and ROY COONS; sack race for women, Irene Maley; cigarette race, Rae Rush; shoe race, ROY COONS.

After the singing of "God Bless America" and "The Star Spangled Banner", we took leave of our host and hostess. It was the end of a perfect day. Mrs. Crokan was chairman of this affair and she did a fine job as usual.

The men were very generous in allowing us to conduct a refreshment booth at their recent lawn party held the week of August 12th.

— Irene Coons, Sec'y.

WORCESTER

Commander: Herbert S. Buss
27 Englewood Ave., Worcester, Mass.
Secretary: Ernest C. Parent
13 Denny St., Worcester, Mass.

Regular meetings are being held on the third Thursday of each month.. The Chapter has a list of all men who have been members during the last four years, and directly after Labor Day, a campaign is being initiated to get them back in the fold.

The Chapter also intends to invite the National Commander and staff to attend one of its meetings early in the Fall.

DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND

Dep't. Commander: Randolph Darling, 124 Walcott St., Pawtucket, R. I.
Dep't. Secretary: Howard W. Hunt, 51 Star St., Pawtucket, R. I.

The Dept. of R. I. in conjunction with its three live chapters held its first outing and clambake on Sunday, July 21st at "The Farms", in Lakewood, R. I. Scattering showers were partly responsible for keeping more of the "gang" away, but over 250 enthusiastic followers of the YD came down and enjoyed one of the best times that we, in Rhode Island, have ever held. The committee headed by Bill Stang and Larry Cook deserve a great deal of credit for putting on such a swell affair. No doubt this will be the forerunner of many more such undertakings.

The Dept. was signally honored by the presence of Nat. Comm. Austin F. Appleby and Mrs. Appleby; Nat. Sgt.-at-Arms Jim Sullivan and Mrs. Sullivan; P.D.C. Gardiner Hall and Mrs. Hall; Dept. Sgt.-at-Arms Euclid Pimpare; Dept. Comm. John Sullivan and Dept. Sgt.-at-Arms Leon Varnam.

After all the crowing by Kent County chapter on having the best tug-of-war team in the State, it took Providence Chapter, with its huskies, to show them up. With big Jim Sullivan as anchor man for Providence the tussle was a hard one, but when they all dug in, Providence came out the winner by a hair. Apremont Chapter came through as the winners of the soft ball games. In the sports that followed, prizes were won by Jack Murphy, Joseph Laffey, Arthur Roy, Al Shabbott, Al Plant, Mrs. Robt. Miller, Joseph Laffey, Jr., Al Andrews, Lillian Laffey and Barbara Bodette.

The following won valuable door prizes which were given out during the bake: Wm. Bergin, Jack Murphy, Madeline Hunt, Bill Thompson, Nancy Oden, Lloyd Oden, Jack O'Neill, Jr., Mrs. E. A. Heaton, Mrs. Wm. Bergin, Lillian Laffey, Elliott "Dinky" Dan, Phyllis Moran, Austin Appleby and Wm. Stang, Jr. (Ask Austin what his prize was.)

All the writer can say is look to R. I. if you want to have some interesting, enjoyable YD times. It's a live State and a live bunch of YD fellows.

Apremont Chapter will start off the fall activities by being host to the State Meeting on Sunday, Sept. 15th, 1940. The meeting will be held at the "Tip Top" Gardens on Mineral Spring Ave., Pawtucket, R. I., commencing at 4.00 P. M. Nat. Comm. Appleby has promised to be present and show his pictures of the Boston convention parade and others.

— H. W. Hunt.

PAWTUCKET

"Apremont Chapter"
Commander: Randolph Darling
124 Walcott St., Pawtucket, R. I.
Secretary: Ralph W. Dexter
43 Thornley St., Pawtucket, R. I.

During the Summer it was voted to hold but one meeting per month in July and August. On Friday, July 12 it took the form of an Executive Committee meeting at which several topics of importance were discussed such as the Ambulance Fund and our own problem of obtaining suitable quarters this coming Fall.

Before it's too late the Commander wishes to thank all the members who worked at the Boys' Club Circus and helped to make this affair a huge success. They were the following: Bill Houghton, Joe Frechette, Charlie Hayman, Al Plant, Joe Gagner, Walt Jenks, and Bill Clarke. A letter of appreciation was received from the Circus Committee.

On August 9 the meeting was called to order by Senior Vice Pete Bourget in the absence of the Commander. There were ten members present. Four renewals were turned in by John Moran, making our total to date — 96.

Motion was carried to have the Commander appoint a Committee to make plans for the R. I. Department meeting on Sunday, Sept. 15, and requesting that letters be sent to Prov. and Kent County Chapters. I can say that plans are already underway for a still better gathering than we had in May, and it is set for the same location at Tip-Top Garden, Mineral Spring Ave. The complete Committee will be announced shortly and will all you bucks get behind and push this affair on to a big success!

Motion was also carried asking the Commander to appoint three Delegates and three Alternates to the Veterans Council which we have recently joined, and the names and addresses to be forwarded to the Secretary of the Council.

The Commander has received a very fine letter from Philip J. Feeley, Jr., who was sent by Apremont Chapter to Boys State at Kingston during early July and it will be read at the next meeting. It is also planned to have him give a

talk at some early date and I'm sure we feel well repaid when we have the chance to hear him speak.

That's all for now, but get ready for a busy Fall and let's start the ball rolling strong with our meeting on Friday, Sept. 13.

— RAN DARLING.

PROVIDENCE

Commander: John J. Kelley
47 Arlington Ave., Cranston, R. I.
Secretary: Howard W. Hunt
51 Star St., Pawtucket, R. I.

Providence Chapter held its July meeting and gave Commander KELLEY a good start by turning out in good numbers in spite of the hot weather. Guests present included Dept. Comm. RAN DARLING; P.D.C. GARDINER HALL, Dept. Sgt.-at-Arms EUCLID PIMPARE and Chap. Comm. WILLIAM E. BERGIN of Kent County.

The Chaplain, BOB MURRAY, reported that Comrade JOE SAN SOUCI was sick in the R. I. Hospital as the result of a bad auto accident. Comrade BILL MCGRATH is ill at home.

The chapter voted to wait until a decision was reached by the National organization on the disposition of the Ambulance Fund drive before contributing.

One of the major objectives of the chapter will be to dedicate the new Point St. viaduct in honor of Gen. EDWARDS. The Board of Aldermen of the City of Providence have approved our petition. A committee was appointed to work with the city fathers to make plans for an elaborate dedication early in the fall. The committee consists of Comrade BOB MURRAY, chairman, assisted by Comrades VICKERY, KENNEY, LAFFEY, HUNT, MARA, O'LEARY, LANGDON, SALAFIA, EDEN, THOMSON, STORY, MULCAHEY, COOK, MCCAFFERY and HIRD.

Movies and eats closed the meeting.

The August meeting was held on the 15th. Not as large an attendance due to vacations of several of the members. The main business of the meeting was the beginning of an intensive membership drive to get in all the re-ups and scout for new members.

Plans are already under way for the Annual Military Ball to be held by the chapter at the Providence Biltmore Hotel on Friday evening, November 1st.

A resolution was adopted by the chapter calling upon producers of motion pictures not to employ any of a group of Hollywood stars mentioned as members of the Communist Party in testimony before a Los Angeles grand jury recently.

The chapter will undertake to hold a "Mystery Ride" early in October. DAVE DAVIDSON is chairman of the committee.

— H. W. HUNT.

DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

Dep't. Commander: William A. Allen, 165 Henry St., Manchester, Conn.
Dep't. Secretary: Clyde G. Beckwith, 12 Trotter St., Manchester, Conn.

State Meeting — New Haven — July 14

Meeting held in home of New Haven Chapter on Fairmount Ave. Guests included the Mayor of New Haven, Hon. John Murphy, Nat. Commander AUSTIN F. APPLEBY, Nat. Sgt.-at-Arms JIM SULLIVAN, R. I. Dep't. Commander RAN DARLING, Nat. Ass't. Secretary HOWARD HUNT and Dr. Thomas Maher.

52 members were present from 13 chapters, also six from R. I., and three from Massachusetts. New London won the gavel with 10 present.

The National Commander brought the department up to date in an address covering actions taken by the Executive Committee in Providence on July 12.

The installation of state officers was reported in last month's issue.

State Meeting — Plainville — August 11

Meeting held at Plainville YD Camp under the auspices of Mont Sec Chapter of Bristol, called to order at 3:30 P.M. by Commander WILLIAM A. ALLEN. Sergeant-at-Arms PIMPARE announced two comrades from Kent County Chapter, R. I., present. PNC LEN MALONEY, PSC WM. THOMPSON, PSC RAY KINCAID and PSC GARDINER HALL also were present.

Secretary's minutes of July meeting were read and accepted.

Treasurer's reports balance of $17.60, not including hour card fund, with last year's per capita tax uncollected from Bridgeport, New Haven and Torrington. It was voted that the Treasurer write these chapters. Hour Card report postponed, chairman absent.

Membership report by SVC GEER, comparison

with 1939 figures shows Willimantic ahead of last year, Bristol fully paid up, but only one or two other chapters holding their members to date. Will send letters to Chapter Commanders for report each month. Total reported is about 750.

Service Officer YACAVONE reports more than 20 YD men at Newington, Hartford Chapter still taking care of YD men with cigarettes. A number of jobs open through State Employment Service; will assist any YD man, requests calls for aid come any day except Sunday or Monday.

Chaplain's report: PNC LEN MALONEY reports Major GRAY again in Newington. SVC GEER reports SAM MARCUS at Noroton in a cast from chest down, would appreciate cards or calls.

Committees: Commander announces Military Affairs committee, LEN MALONEY, chairman, Capt. GEER, PSC HALL, Commander ALLEN. Home Guard proposition, restriction against more than 10% disabled and employees of municipal, state or federal government makes it difficult for YD to raise quota of 60 men; NORTH brings out all the kinks and MALONEY, HALL, GEER and ALLEN attempt to answer, not to be discussed in public.

Flower Fund: Previous balance $53.63; $5.00 expended, flowers at General Haggerty's funeral; collection $3.13; interest 28c; balance on hand $52.04.

Bills and Communications: $1.00 postage for Secretary, voted paid. $13.08 for PSC Badge and postage, voted paid. Letters of appreciation for Certificates of Merit from Arthur Geary, Col. Scarborough and Capt. Jim Daly. Copy of letter by PSC KINCAID, chairman of Floral Flag Committee to George Hollister, Hartford's Supt. of Parks, for taking care of YD floral flag at Newington; letter from John H. Crain inviting Conn. Chapters to Mass. State Meeting at Saima Park, Fitchburg, Sept. 8th.

Haggerty Memorial: PNC LEN MALONEY who represented YDVA as an honorary pall bearer, spoke of the huge funeral cortege for General Haggerty, service at New Haven and burial at Hartford. New Haven Chapter raising funds for suitable memorial. Other Chapters may help. It was voted to have notices sent by the Dept. to all chapters, a worthy project.

Chapter Reports: Bristol discovers two more prospects, had plenty of clam chowder and refreshments for state meeting; Bridgeport participated in a very fine all-veterans meeting with Jewish War Veterans as hosts, even had German-Austrian war veterans present (without swastikas), fine spirit of co-operation among veterans organizations, VFW gives YDVA free use of their hall and A. L. also has a room at their disposal; Hartford gained a dozen members the past month; Manchester gained two; SVC SHIELDS visited Washington, D. C. and brings greetings from RAY QUEENIN, also from Col. HARRY BISSELL now manager of a Howard Johnson restaurant at Bordentown, N. J. and doing a fine business; New Haven presented a flagpole with an excellent dedication ceremony at the New Haven Register Fresh Air Fund Camp for needy children, YD Junior Drum Corps assisted with music, chapter holding stag outing on clubhouse grounds on Sunday, Sept. 1st; New London active all summer, last meeting with 18 present; Norwalk held joint meeting with Stamford, expects to lose members when Noroton Home moves to Rocky Hill; Willimantic averages 24 or 25 to a meeting, have four or five hqts., draw from 15 communities, will hold an outing Sunday, September 8th.

Attendance: 36 answer roll call from 12 chapters, New London wins gavel with 8 present; 2 comrades from R. I.

Unfinished Business: Commander ALLEN stresses advertising for YANKEE DOINGS, believes most chapters can get two lines an issue, it will help us to know and patronize YD men. 2. Incorporation ready to go ahead, bills all paid and hour cards money now available. 3. YD Ambulance fund going ahead, will be used to help overseas, will not be used where enemy can get hold of it. Motion by PSC HALL, seconded and carried that Department send $10.00 to National Headquarters for this fund.

New Business: Willimantic asks for November Meeting, so voted.

Commander states letters went to district commanders to have district meetings between State meetings.

Boat ride suggestion not favored, too late to arrange.

Good of the YDVA: Commander ALLEN says Middletown may lose charter, must have 10 members, no activity there. Commends spirit of veterans organizations in Bridgeport, his policy to get together with other organizations; to contact Red Cross and have cigarettes available at Newington for patients. Executive committee meeting held at Club Alden, Hartford, Friday, August 2nd; accepted Willimantic's offer to look after hospital patients for month of September and New Britain's for October. Meeting adjourned. — CLYDE BECKWITH, Sec'y.

WILLIAM ALLEN, Dep't. Comm.

NEW LONDON

Commander: Albert E. St. Germain
P. O. Box 729, New London, Conn.
Secretary: John M. O'Connor
455 Montauk Ave., New London, Conn.

New London has had very good attendance at most of their meetings during the summer months.

We brought home the gavel from the New Haven and Bristol State Meetings.

JOHN BRUCE is recovering from illness, at his home in Waterford. All the boys will be glad to see John up and around again.

KEN WEBB has been hopping around on one leg, the result of contacting an oversized "keel block." But still able to direct traffic in an emergency.

AL ST. GERMAIN has been ill, but is in action again.

Mr. and Mrs. EARL LYON were hosts to the New London YD and their wives at their cottage at Lord's Point, Stonington, Conn.

Mrs. Lyon was assisted by the ladies in preparing a delicious dinner of clam chowder, potato salad and cold meats.

After a short business meeting in the "Dugout," the boys joined the ladies in the reception room, where Commander AL ST. GERMAIN, presented Past Commander JOSEPH KEENEY with a Past Chapter Commander's badge.

New London Chapter, Y.D.V.A., is raising funds in cooperation with other New London and Groton organizations, to purchase a "Seeing Eye Dog", for a local blind girl. New London YD are selling puzzles donated by KEN WEBB.

Plans are now in the making for a big Armistice Day celebration. Sponsored by the Veterans Council in which the New London YD is to take an active part.

— J. M. O.

NEW HAVEN

Commander: Fred Hirsch
19 Clark St., New Haven, Conn.
Secretary: Albert W. Smith
20 Arden St., New Haven, Conn.

The August business meeting of New Haven Chapter was called "Certificate of Merit Night." At the meeting the certificates awarded at the Boston convention were presented by Past Commander FRANK P. LEE. LEE explained that the unusual number of certificates recommended by New Haven Chapter arose out of the activities connected with acquiring the new club quarters.

Those presented certificates were: Mrs. Helen Babson, Kenneth Hayward, Robert Dudley, Joseph A. Dillon, John F. Sullivan, Steven Bomboliski, William E. Lake, William E. Gardner, Francis J. Leigh, Joseph F. Schurk, Albert W. Smith, Howard Brereton, C. F. Miranda, Raymond Charboneau, James Coleman, John A. King, A. M. Alderman, David T. Leach, James G. Ceriani and Herbert F. Scott.

New additions to the club furnishings included card tables and cigarette trays. Pictures of the four past commanders now adorn the walls. They include the late Gen. JAMES A. HAGGERTY, FRANK LEE, JOHN WELCH and JOHN T. DILLON. Suitable plates to identify the oil paintings of General EDWARDS and Pershing, Col. PARKER and TIMMY AHEARN were presented by P.N.C. LEN MALONEY.

Past Commander LEE, as chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, reported the continued success of the building aid idea but urged better support from the members. He said nearly all bills connected with the rehabilitation of the club had been paid and a small balance remained.

Report was made of the great success attending the presentation of the YDVA Memorial Flagpole and flag at the New Haven Register-Family Society Fresh Air Camp in Branford. The total cost to the chapter is $20.10.

Failure of the chapter to recruit its quota of eight in the State YD unit of the new Home Guard was explained by Commander FRED HIRSCH as due to the restrictions which bar those with a disability of 10 per cent as well as all city, state and federal government employes.

By vote of the chapter, Commander HIRSCH will name a committee to approach the city, the present National Guard and other YD chapters of the state relative to a memorial to Gen. HAGGERTY. It was voted also to go ahead with the talk on "Blunders of the War Department" to be given by National Judge Advocate HAROLD SMITH. The new members required by HAROLD as a condition to his talk have been pledged.

Membership was reported at 72, and Commander HIRSCH advised that the long delayed membership campaign would get under way. Heretofore our junior vice commanders have not taken seriously their obligations with respect to membership, but STEVE BOMBOLISKI bids fair to prove the exception.

A committee has been named to handle the annual outing to be held on the club grounds on September 1st. It will be stag but others than YD men are welcome.

— L. J. M.

NORWALK

Commander: Henry E. Woods
154 Gregory Blvd., East Norwalk, Conn.
Secretary: Barney T. Clarke
72 Strawberry Hill Ave., East Norwalk, Conn.

With summer parties over, we'll soon be buckling down to the winter's program.

We hear that "Uncle John" PARKER plans to run for office in the coming election. The YD is behind you, and believes your program on defense has a sound, concrete foundation.

GOUGH, of the 104th, is assistant warden of the correctional institution up Danbury way. AL SINSKI and BILL ADAMS were in the party of special guests who recently inspected this modern building. SINSKI was aide to the marshal of the State Firemen's Convention Parade in Danbury.

HENRY WOODS, the human dynamo of this chapter, is working hammer and tongs on his fall program for the boys. AL HERMAN, so they say, was kind of upset when Mayor Stack of Norwalk went to the new midget races to present a cup and $5000.00 to the winner of the Norwalk Special, and left poor AL pounding the streets. What a life these poor cops have.

TONY CARIONE still says that Norwalk is the best chapter in the Nutmeg State. Old man BROWN from Providence was seen in Norwalk visiting some of his many drug stores.

The mystery in this chapter is: How, when and where did Old BILL ADAMS get onto such an important committee? Did it come from East Norwalk or New Haven?

The Norwalk boys, like many others, believe that at our state meetings, all refreshments should be under lock and key until after the meeting is over. The real objective is never reached when the bottles come first. Perhaps the old saying is true: "What we see all depends on what we look for." We see the bottles.

Good luck, plenty of members for 1941.

WILLIMANTIC

Windham County Chapter
Commander: Lawrence E. Lindgren
Scotland, Conn.
Secretary: Gardiner H. Hall
70 Ash St., Willimantic, Conn.

We are having some swell meetings; one every month in one of four places, Willimantic, Norwich, Danielson or Putnam. Lowest attendance 20, highest 28. Not bad. This is one of two chapters in the state running ahead of last year's membership.

STAMFORD

Commander: George Riickerl
Valley Rd., Cos Cob, Conn.
Secretary: Vincent Callahan
110 Glenbrook Rd., Stamford, Conn.

Meetings are held regularly the first Monday of each month at Veterans' Hall, 388 Summer St., Stamford — our Auxiliary meeting upstairs in the same building at the same time.

The condition of the Chapter is No. 1A. All bills are currently paid and we have a workable balance in the treasury.

The Chapter and Auxiliary pool on refreshments which are to be had at every meeting, the Chapter furnishing the wet goods and the ladies the food. "Never a dull moment", said EUCLID PIMPARE, who visited us recently.

Not sending in copy recently, I have to scratch a little to think of news but below are a few items which "may indicate a trend."

The Chapter has 35 members paid up to date. We are certain of the remainder of our quota.

Commander GEORGE RIICKERL is the spark plug of the organization, ably assisted by many others.

We get on well with our neighboring Chapters, particularly with Norwalk.

The Chapter is well represented at State meetings — usually by GEO. RIICKERL.

We have given generously to local causes, the last — two underprivileged youngsters being sent to summer camp.

To add to the information (and culture?) of the community, the Chapter recently presented Taylor's "History of the 26th Division" and a "History of the 103rd Field Artillery", to the local Public Library. Someone may ask, "Why the 103rd F.A.?" And the answer probably would be that we are a sort of an artillery chapter in membership and in things military, Stamford is rated as an artillery town.

A summer picnic has been held and plans for Armistice Day are already in the making. RAY MACNICHOLL, one of our best known and hardest working YD members, is chairman of the Armistice Day Committee. My guess is that we will have over 200 in attendance. Last year we had 159 exclusive of guests. This year with an early start we ought to do better. Expense to the Chapter is a secondary consideration in the planning of an Armistice Day commemoration. At least the Committee is proceeding on this basis.

Incorporation papers for the Chapter are be-

ing drawn up and will soon be submitted to the Secretary of State.

Invitations have gone forward to AUSTIN APPLEBY and BILLY ALLEN to be with us on next meeting night. (Friday, Sept. 6th this month on account of Monday, Sept. 2nd, falling on a holiday); and they have accepted.

Lastly, we believe that the true YD spirit exists in Stamford as it does in other communities, and this is, after all the most important thing of all.

— VINCENT CALLAHAN, Sec'y.

DEPARTMENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Dep't. Commander: Robert B. Dickson, 320 Gregory Ave., E. Orange, N. J.

CLEVELAND

"Ohio Chapter"
Commander: John B. McGloin
2157 Brown Rd., Lakewood, Ohio
Secretary: Fred H. Flahavan
1257 E. 101st St., Cleveland, Ohio

Meeting of the Ohio Chapter called by Commander MCGLOIN at 3.20 P.M., Sunday, August 18.

Reading of the minutes approved.

Chapter purchased 85 new chairs.

Discussion on membership. 41 paid up for this year.

Senior Vice Commander RALPH SHAW called away to the home of his Father who is ill. We all hope that RALPH will be back for the next meeting and that his Father will be greatly improved.

Treasurer away, attending meeting of his V.F.W. Post of which he is auditor. When it comes to handling money and doing a good job, TED GONSALVES can be depended on.

Under new business there was considerable discussion about our Ohio Constitution, CHURCH and O'CONNOR leading the attack on the commander and pointing out to him the many points of default. This constitution was prepared by a committee back in 1937, headed by the present commander, and with few exceptions is copied from one used by one of the most successful Legion Posts in the county. Now — all of a sudden we find that it is all wrong. Every organization has its crusaders and now with the war and the American League pennant just around the corner (New Deal Stuff) these two 100% pitchers have to bring up the constitution. But Manager MCGLOIN has a good back and the Secretary believes that he can take it. Looks like 101st Supply (MCGLOIN) and 101st Hdqtrs. (CHURCH) were at it again.

And now — of all things — we are to have an audit and inventory. Motion by O'CONNOR, second by ACKERMAN. Carried. This will be the first in four years of the Ohio Chapter. See next issue for the dirt.

Discovered by CHURCH that the commander had no business making appointments to fill vacancies, so Vice Commander PERKINS, Sgt.-at-Arms O'CONNOR and Secretary FLAHAVAN were duly voted on. There is only one more month for each of the officers to serve, but when the Crusaders start Crusading there is just no end to what might happen.

Well anyway it was all typical of a group of Veterans and just about the first time that the Ohio Chapter has experienced any thing of a volcanic nature, so now maybe after the constitution is set up as it should be we will again be able to get on.

— F. H. F.

CHICAGO

Commander: Ernest Kentwortz
134 No. LaSalle St., Chicago, Ill.
Secretary: William H. Keyes
5452 Glenwood Ave., Chicago, Ill.

They say that Chicago has two seasons: August and winter, maybe so. There was mighty little August in evidence when the Chicago YD Club held its annual picnic on Sunday, August 18, but that fact didn't make too much difference to the rather small but hardy group that turned out for the affair. Heavy rains early in the day convinced a few of the gang that there would be no picnic, so the attendance ran no higher than 50. Earlier indications had pointed to a crowd of two or three hundred.

BILL KEYES, chairman of the picnic, was called out of town on business, and Commander ERNEST KENTWORTZ took over. With the cooperation of such regulars as ED O'CONNOR, JOHNNY LEE, GIL NAPE, RAY FICK, LAWRENCE SETTER and DANA HUBBARD the club maintained its mid-summer picnic tradition.

This year's affair was held at Palos Woods in the Cook County Forest Preserve, a wonderful location with rolling terrain that would warm the heart of any artilleryman. After eating lunch around the fireplaces in the preserve shelter, a sports program was held with Mrs.

Ernest Kentwortz, Mrs. John Lee, Mary Claire Hubbard and Lorraine Nape winning the merchandise prizes in the different events.

Officers of the Chicago club were naturally disappointed at seeing their carefully-laid plans disrupted by bad weather, but the picnic was far from being a failure. Plans are under way for observance of Armistice Day. The event will probably be a dinner dance on the night of Saturday, November 9.

— D. M. H.

DENVER

"Rocky Mountain Chapter"

Commander: Albert W. Rockwell
1414 Marion St., Denver, Colo.
Secretary: Arthur G. Vetter
1205 Logan St., Denver, Colo.

"A fine body of men" sat down together on the night of July 15th. Those present were Colonel CRECELIUS, whom we saw last at Christmas time. The Colonel after 10 weeks as a patient at Fitzsimons Hospital, left there on June 16th. He is now working at the Bureau of Reclamation in this city. LOEB, present for the first time in several months, came down and was given his 1940 membership card. ROCKY, newly elected state commander of the V.F.W., presided as usual. CHAPIN, his usual jolly self, reports hearing from four of his former buddies at Beverly, Mass.

GOEDELMANN has a new job and is now living in downtown Denver.

NORTON showed up late — told us that his dentist had given him a rather tough going over that day. CARL JOHNSON after a lengthy absence was present — handshake and all. He kicked in with two berries for his annual dues. VETTER received his usual ribbing about the profits he drags down as treasurer.

CHANDLER who had promised to be there failed to show up. MURRAY and Doctor MORRIS, two of the Old Guard, were a.w.o.l.

PAT PEDICINO, still a patient at Fitzsimons Hospital, is reported as doing fine.

Our Secretary is still holding the membership card of Judge PRESTON, whom we see about once a year.

After a brief discussion, the fellows thought best to delay action regarding the raising of funds to purchase an ambulance to send to France.

At our regular monthly meeting, Aug. 19, we were without the services of "ROCKY" who was away at Ft. Collins on V.F.W. business. In spite of this, we had a very fine meeting. "ROCKY" is slated to be one of the attendants from Denver at the National V.F.W. Convention.

Colonel CRECELIUS, who was with us for only a short time, dropped in the other day to say "Goodbye." Told us that his wife's health was not of the best and that he had resigned his position with the Reclamation Service and was leaving for Texas. We will miss him.

Have not seen PAT PEDICINO for sometime. Our last report was that he was doing well.

Those present at the meeting were VETTER, LOEB, MURRAY, GOEDELMANN, CHAPIN and MORRIS.

On the afternoon of Sunday, Sept. 15th, we are having our fall get-together and are looking forward to having a large crowd.

— A. G. V.

LOS ANGELES

"Southern California Chapter"

Commander: Harry McLaughlin
5016 Fifth Ave., Los Angeles, Calif.
Secretary: George K. Mitchell
824 Cresthaven Drive, Los Angeles, Cal.

Members of the YD Club of Southern California were especially active during the Veterans of Foreign Wars National Encampment held in Los Angeles, August 25th to 30th.

Invited to participate in Division One of the mammoth down-town night parade we fell in with other combat divisions of the A.E.F. and finished the march in plenty of time to take places on the side lines to cheer and applaud our buddies marching in the New England States units. The fine appearance of the large Massachusetts group, led by the great Salem Drum and Bugle Corps, the smart stepping Connecticut boys, and the snappy outfit from Thompsonville, Rhode Island, (?) all gave us thrills of pride, as indeed they did to the many thousands who watched with us.

After the parade, the crowded hotels were the scenes of many a happy reunion and our registration desk at the Roslyn Hotel was visited by several from New England who thought that here they might find someone from the old home town.

Wednesday, August 28th, a YD Reunion Banquet was held at the Roslyn Hotel and here the good fellowship of Yankee Division men gathered to greet visiting buddies prevailed long into the night.

As is the case in National Conventions, so many events are crowded into a short a time it is well nigh impossible to set a time that will not conflict with some other activity. As many of our guests wanted to attend the Drum Corps contest and fireworks spectacle at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum, they dined and made an early departure but their places were taken by later arrivals, and as the hours passed still others came in looking for "buddies from the old outfit" and what a session of hand-shaking and back-slapping there was as they were found.

We were honored and delighted to have with us NATHAN GOLDEN from the Washington, D. C. Chapter, ALBERT ROCKWELL, Commander of the Denver, Colorado, "Rocky Mountain Chapter", and Comrade O'REGAN who is organizing a Chapter in Reno, Nevada, all of whom gave up other and important engagements to be with us thus exemplifying the true spirit of the Yankee Division. All of those distinguished comrades spoke and in their sincere remarks revealed the friendly personalities and ability which has made them leaders in their respective YD Chapters and holders of high offices in the Veterans of Foreign Wars organization.

Past Commander JOHN J. FOX of the Southern California Chapter, and present Commander HARRY MCLAUGHLIN concluded the speech-making with brief remarks.

We hope that all Yankee Division comrades who attended this convention returned home with pleasant memories of their all too brief visit with us.

— G. K. M.

NEW YORK

Commander: Harry H. Van Hala
45 Sutton Drive, Ho-Ho-Kus, N. J.
Secretary: C. Edward Wilson
271-285 Hawthorne St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

New York Chapter held its regular monthly meeting in the New England Room of the Prince George Hotel 14 East 28th St., Tuesday evening, July 23rd. Commander VAN HALA gave us a talk on the membership drive. He instructed CLAUDE SEITZ, the Chairman, to form his committee as he wanted his report on the re-signups of former and also new members at the Sept. 17th meeting. The Commander stated he will not be satisfied until the chapter has reached the 300 mark in its membership. If the members of the committee will do the work assigned to them, we will have no difficulty in securing this number. Several members stated they would positively bring in a new member at the Sept. meeting. To members who have not been appointed on the committee and would like to have the names of a few prospects, just call up the Secretary, and he will furnish you with lead cards.

The New York Chapter is definitely *Going Places.* Through the efforts of two of our officers, and with the co-operation of the N. Y. State Motor Vehicle Bureau, it will be possible for YD men in New York Chapter to secure 1941 YD license plates. To be eligible to get these plates a member must be in good standing, and they can be secured only through the Chapter.

We had the honor to be host to a member from the Cleveland Chapter, an old friend, OKIE O'CONNOR, who gave us a very timely talk on the "Spirit of the YD." He gave us a sample of what real workers can do, in connection with his own Chapter, which is considerably smaller than our own. Another guest speaker, Mr. Frank Henderson gave us an interesting talk on conditions in the Far East as they exist to-day. Commander HARRY VAN HALA then introduced a personal friend of his, Mr. Buikema from Chicago, who took a bow.

The entertainment for the evening was furnished by our own WILLIS KENNEDY (Captain in the American Air Lines) who gave us an illustrated lecture, covering in detail the various services of this great air line, and showing us the huge air liners which are at the disposal of the air traveler. He further told us that practically all the planes in use to-day — both public and private — are so designed that, if necessity demands, they may easily be converted into suitable and effective units in war time.

At our Sept. meeting the entertainment will be devoted to an All-Sports Night. There will be six of the best grunt and groan artists in the country. (Otherwise known as wrestlers.) In addition two boxing bouts will be run off. Refreshments will be served.

As an added news item we are pleased to announce that Comrade WILLIAM G. FOERCH (104th Ambulance), a member of the New York Chapter, was recently elected Commander of the Bronx County American Legion, N. Y. City.

— C. EDWARD WILSON.

WASHINGTON

Commander: D. G. Dodic
2148 Cathedral Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C.
Secretary: E. R. Cleveland
1700 Eye St. NW., Washington, D. C.

On August 10 and 11, the Washington YD Club had an enjoyable, if non-productive, fishing party at Solomons Island, Md. Some of those who were most enthusiastic about the party were unable, for more or less trivial reasons, to attend, but the few who did go had a wonderful time. It would be much easier on AL BARTRAM, who handles the arrangements, if the fellows would make up their minds, notify AL early and then stick to it. DAVE HERMAN of Philadelphia who had been "gold bricking" at Mt. Alto for a week or two, trying to convince the doctors that his healthy hulk was all shot to H---, came along. DAVE is a native of that section. GRAY CARSON brought along a rifle all fixed up with a telescopic sight. He was really desperate to get some fish. At that, he won all the pools on "first fish" and "biggest fish". The fact that the fish, if any, were not biting was attributed to those atrocious cigars DAVE DODIC smokes. The cigars are O.K. when Davey buys them but he "cures" them by burying them in the wet side of a pig-sty for a year. Confidentially, they shrink. PAUL and GOLDIE HUTCHINS came down Saturday afternoon but left for Washington about 11.30 P.M. Paul works for the Red Cross and right now he's busier than an M.P. at a 102nd Inf. rest camp. JOE JORDAN, who isn't allowed out Saturday nights, came down early Sunday morning.

When a sudden heavy rain caught us in the Patuxent River, Sunday morning, we ran the boat over between a couple of old World War transports for shelter. Four of these boats, the *George Washington, Mount Vernon, America,* and the *Montecello* (formerly the *Agamemnon*) have been tied up there for years. I understand they have been sold for junk recently, but now that boats are at a premium they may find their way into service again. About twenty Standard Oil tankers are tied up in the bay at Solomons because of the war.

It is noticeable that much more attention is devoted to fishing on these fishing parties the last year or two. The boys aren't as young as they used to be. An occasional bottle of beer keeps them perfectly satisfied. DAVE DODIC set a record in the number of toad-fish (known as sculpin down east) he caught. Guess they came up to see what the smell was. AL O'LEARY, a friend of AL BARTRAM's in the Department of Commerce was a member of the party and added much to the life thereof.

NATE GOLDEN is on a trip to the West Coast, by way of some of the National Parks. He expects to attend the V.F.W. encampment in California.

A family fishing party is being arranged for the early part of September. Some of the boys have talked so much about the ones that got away that the better halves want to go down and show them how to catch the big ones.

BILL SHIELD and family of Manchester, Conn., were recent visitors in Washington. We had the pleasure of showing them some of the sights.

— RAY QUEENIN.

A CHAPTER IN GEORGIA?

The following letter tells its own story.
Editor of YANKEE DOINGS:

I have some news for you, RALPH E. SANFORD, 101st Field Artillery, phoned me the other day that he was trying to organize an Atlanta post of YDVA. The following are already interested:

ROBT. PERKINS, ELMER HOLMES, 101st Infantry; EDWIN CLAPP, 101st Engineers; WARREN HOYT, 101st Field Artillery; RALPH E. SANFORD, 101st Field Artillery; JOHNNY AIKEN, 101st Motor Transport; JONES, 102nd Machine Gun Battalion; KELLEY, 103rd Artillery Battery A; Col. BECK, 102nd Infantry; E. L. HORNIBROOK, 104th Infantry.

We are also trying to get in touch with Gen. TRAUB, 51st Brigade, who we understand, is living in Augusta, Ga.

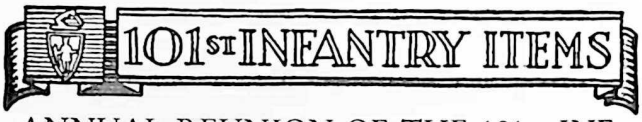
A meeting has been arranged to be held at the home of ROBT. PERKINS, 3033 Lenox Rd., Atlanta, for Friday, Aug. 30th, with the idea of obtaining a charter. The Atlanta Journal staff photographer has agreed to be present and make a picture, and we will see that you get a copy.

We would like to have any information you can send us regarding the obtaining of a charter at this meeting, also any other suggestions you might be able to make.

As RALPH SANFORD is the originator of this idea, I believe it would be better to write to him 1543 Rogers Ave., S.E., Atlanta, Ga. We will see that the club gets a full report of developments at this meeting.

— NED HORNIBROOK.

All needed information has been sent. — ED.



ANNUAL REUNION OF THE 101st INF. VETS. ASS'N.

All roads will lead to Plymouth, Mass., for the Annual Convention of the 101st Inf. Vets. Ass'n. on Sept. 13-14-15. This pleasant, historic town has been preparing for months to give the boys a great welcome for the three days. With many places of historic value and other interesting places to visit, Plymouth will be the ideal place for our convention this year.

The program that has been planned by the members of D Company who are sponsoring the convention, headed by ALFRED N. GIFFORD, general chairman; and EARL ALEXANDER secretary, calls for the following schedule. Friday, registrations with a military ball at 8.00 P.M. also a caucus meeting at the Memorial Building at 9.00 P.M.

Saturday morning, the annual meeting and election of officers of the regiment. This meeting will be followed by athletic events at Stevens Field consisting of baseball, tennis, boating and swimming. At 1.30 P.M. a monster clambake will be held at Legion Camp on the shore of West Pond.

Saturday evening there will be reunions and banquets of the various companies and a band concert in the center of the town, where block dancing will prevail. Sunday morning there will be memorial services for our departed comrades and in the afternoon our annual street parade.

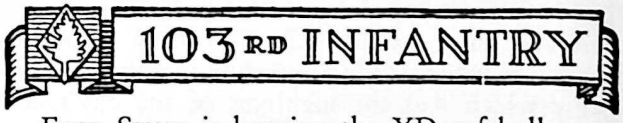
Will see you at Plymouth, Sept. 13-14-15.

Here and there with the 101st . . . On July 25, K Co. of the South Shore held their annual reunion and banquet at the Cushing House in Hingham. This was there 23rd anniversary to celebrate leaving Hingham . . . Pres. LEMUEL DILL was M-Cee . . . A great time by a great gang . . . CHARLIE PERELLI (H Co.) is at the Chelsea Soldiers' Home . . . SETH BAILEY (K Co.) — one of the fighting Baileys — was buried July 3 from Abington . . . He had two more brothers who served with him in K Co. another in the 76th Div. and one with the Canadian army . . . Many of the boys are attending the camp at Bourne to brush up on their military stuff . . . Refresher course . . . DAVE MICHAELS (Hdqts.) is up and around again after a long stay at the hospital in Chelsea.

Ask FREDDIE JACKSON, MIKE MCNEIL and BILL RILEY about the clams at Salisbury . . . WALTER CURRANT (H Co.) and JIM FEELEY (H) accommodated a lot of the boys at their cottage during the convention . . . JOE CAREY (A Co.) and JACK SHIELDS (H Co.) held open house at Kelley's . . . Col. ARTHUR HANSEN accompanied by LEO STANKARD, both from F Co., were kept pretty busy visiting the boys at their cottages at Salisbury . . . Major JOHNNIE GLEASON (H Co) had a hard time seeing his way home . . . He broke his glasses . . . I wonder how . . . TED HOLLINGSWORTH (B Co.) is thinking seriously of becoming a bartender . . . You do all right, TED . . . AL GIFFORD (D Co.) was around doing his stuff to boost the regimental convention which will be held at Plymouth, Sept. 13-14-15.

Our congratulations to DAN BRENNAN (M Co.) on being elected state vice-commander of the A. L. . . . BILLY MURPHY (G Co.) had a hard time keeping up with his old sidekick AUSTIN KENNEDY (G Co.) . . . Heard they had a great time at Wareham . . . My sincere thanks to all the boys for their kind sympathy that was extended to me during the recent death of my father . . . L Co. will have rooms at the Park Square Bldg. during the Legion national convention . . . With the 101st Convention and the National Legion Convention coming on, I should have a lot of news for "youse guys" in our next issue.

— JIM POWERS.



FRED SHAW is keeping the YD softball team in Lewiston on the map, assisted by WALTER SAWTELL, BILL ROACH and others. We expect that the Lewiston Chapter will be functioning before long. "Functioning", as we recall, was the favorite expression of our old Regimental Commander Col. Cassius M. Dowell.

Archie Rouleau (Co. B) has been elected County Commander of Androscoggin County Council, A. L., and is right on the job. He is also Adjutant of the Auburn Legion Post.

Dr. Robert Blood of the Medics is a candidate for Governor of New Hampshire on the Republican ticket. We wish you the best of luck, Bob.

Gilbert Miller (Co. K) who has been turnkey at the Farmington jail and deputy sheriff, has resigned his position and is devoting his entire time to the new sporting goods store which he has just bought in that town. He has a complete line of tackle and guns and incidentally knows where the big ones are and just what fly they are taking. Call in and see him and he will tell you where to get 'em.

Dan Adams (Medics) is still the leading mortician in Franklin County, and has an interesting document hanging on his wall. It is the appointment of his great-great grandfather as coroner for that county when it was a part of Massachusetts, and it is signed by John Hancock.

John Barnes (Hdq. Co.) is manager of the Woolworth store in Newport, R. I. John was in Lewiston for a number of years.

John Johnson (Co. I) is with the Worumbo Mfg. Co. in the dyeing dept.

Your correspondent is now back with Uncle Sam as a government inspector of textiles — present job, inspecting Army blankets.

— E. K. H.

103rd MACHINE GUN B'N.

A COMPANY

Last Man's Club

The Last Man's Club, on August 24th and 25th, held its second annual reunion and bake at Bellows Falls, Vt., and had a rousing good time which was well attended by both A Co. and C Co. C Co. were the invited guests of the L. M. C. and they did something which no well-behaved guest would ever do. They trounced the pants off their hosts in a five-inning soft ball game which was the highlight of the day's activities. Your correspondent doesn't remember the names of the entire lineup, but the Star of Stars on either team was good old Heinie Munsell who commanded C Co. in France and also commanded A Co. (but didn't play for A Co.)

"We protest." Heinie is looking fine and can run the pants off any man on either team. Heinie came all the way from Detroit, Mich., and has the congratulations and good wishes of every man present.

On Saturday night we had a fine display of fireworks which (according to Top Kick "Jigger" Burns who furnished them) rivaled the convention fireworks in Boston. "Sticky" Prescott and his gang from Vermont worked overtime to make things pleasant. They brought Ray Durling's Orchestra, including piano and a flock of lager "peer" which livened things up until the wee hours of morning.

Yours truly had charge of collecting and paying off, and (this will be a surprise to everyone present) through a mistake in the addition, "the same item was added twice", we wound up with 30 cents velvet, but after checking at home, I found that I had $8.00 too much. It doesn't belong to me so it must belong to the L. M. C.

Mickey Miller was the bake master again this year, and it seems he must practice at this sort of thing, because according to remarks on the grounds, he gets better every year. Carney Hogan came down from Manchester, N. H. He keeps looking "in the pink". We are always happy to see him. He and "Pop" Lonergan were the two oldest men in A Co. and they both command a lot of respect from the youngsters. By the way, "Pop" Lonergan is coming from Florida for the American Legion Convention this month and he wishes to see all A Co. men possible. This may be his last trip north, so try to see him. His Headquarters will be at the YD Club, 200 Huntington Ave.

The Hotchkiss Machine Gun which the L. M. C. applied for from the War Dep't. has arrived and preparations for mounting and dedication are under way for next Armistice Day. If I don't shut this off pronto, YANKEE DOINGS may shut me off, so Cheerio.

— Pete Bourget.

ENGINEER ENTRIES

E COMPANY

As was the case when we pulled out of the Armory in 1917, a new outfit is now being formed — on paper — to take the place of the present First Corps when, as, and if they are called out. It is to be known as the First Motor Squadron, or First Corps Motor Squadron, and will be commanded by Ross Whistler who was a Major in the outfit after the war — a swell gent

too. If any of you want to enlist in the State Guard there's a good place to go.

We regret to have to report three deaths of our old buddies about which we have learned since last issue of "Echoes." JOHN BROMAN, of Duluth, Minn., was killed in an automobile accident in collision with a train, in November of 1935. PERLEY WHITE died December 13, 1939 in the State Hospital at Mattapan, Mass. LYNN HOSEA was killed in an automobile accident on May 28th, 1940. Notices were sent out to local "E" men about the funeral but we had a very small representation there. It was a very rainy day and, of course, it's hard for many of the fellows to get off during a busy week. However, it was rather disappointing — especially to the family — to have such a small turnout and it is hoped that on future occasions of such a nature an extra effort will be made to show up to pay a last tribute to an old comrade.

We met JOHN ROONEY at luncheon a few days ago and on our way back to the office, crossing the street through traffic, which we shouldn't have done, whom should we see but FRANK COTTON. Just had time for a greeting and when asked how things were going with him, he said he was all ready to sign up again, and then he was gone with the traffic.

Saw a fine picture in the Quincy paper some time ago, showing BILL CROSBY with his wife and two nice-looking daughters. Had a card from Charlestown, West Virginia, signed with a picture that looked like a cartridge, or somp'n, plus the words "par bon". We have good reason to believe it was from ART DUDLEY who apparently resumed his Southern trip mentioned in last "Echoes". He said he saw FREEMAN DENNETT and EDWIN SMITH just before he went South. Both were in good health.

We were sorry to learn that OKIE O'CONNOR lost his father in May. You have our deepest sympathy, OKIE.

New addresses: JOHN L. MALLON, 52 Sabin St., Pawtucket, R. I.; HARRY SPROUL, 197 Reservoir Rd., Brookline, Mass. Mail has been returned addressed to HIKEL HAYKAL and HUGHIE ROBERTS. If you know their whereabouts, let us know.

RICH TRUE's daughter won a prize in a speaking contest for High School students in her section of Maine. Congratulations! CHET THOMAS has had a trip to the West Coast, plus, during which he saw Capt. JOHN LANGLEY who wanted to be remembered to us all. The latter hopes to come this way next June. We hope so. CHET reports that he took care of the decorating of EDDIE BRUSH's grave, as usual, on Memorial Day. ART DUDLEY, we think it was, reported that there is no stone on BILL BUXTON's grave. That's something we ought to take care of in due course.

— R. M. E.

F COMPANY

Who should blow into Boston one midsummer day, but RUFE NORTHUP and Mrs. Northup, all the way from Douglas, Arizona. This is Rufus' second trip East since he went to Arizona shortly after the war. And hang it all, your reporter missed seeing him. We did talk with him on the phone however, during which he reminded us that *he* never took a bath on the K. of C Secretary's writing desk. He was on his way to Rhode Island, where his mother still lives, and I suppose by now is back in Arizona.

And outside of that, your correspondent will be blessed if he can recall having seen or heard from an F Company man since the last time this column was published. Where are you all?

— P. N. S.

101st TRENCH MORTAR BAT.

Resolutions, one favoring compulsory military training and one offering our services to the state in the event of an emergency were adopted by members of the 101st Trench Mortar Battery at their Annual Reunion in Lewiston on Sunday, August 25.

Addressing the meeting were Captain JAMES WALSH, Major ROGER A. GREENE, Lieut. GEORGE MCCARTHY, "Top Kick" MARTY JOYCE, Lieut. JOHN MCDONOUGH and HENRY MOORE.

Officers to serve for the coming year are:

Commander, JOSEPH VEILLEUX; Vice Commander, ALBERT ROSE; Secretary and Treasurer, LEO O'REILLY; Historian and Chaplain, NORMAN S. THOMAS.

The members commissioned HENRY MOORE of New York City to present to AL HERMAN, Past National Commander of the YDVA, a replica, made by Jacob Cohen of the Lewiston American Legion Post, of the famous "flying pig" insignia of the Trench Mortar Battery. Among those attending was Past Department Commander BILL LOVE from Farmington.

Was sorry to miss out on this party but had to take the family to the annual outing of the Androscoggin Fish and Game Ass'n. on the same date. — BILL ROACH.

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WILLIAM B. CARBONE, formerly of A Co., 101st Infantry, died in Charlestown (Mass.) on August 18. Requiem high mass was held at St. Mary's Church, Charlestown, on August 21, at 10.00 A.M.

Deputy Sheriff DEAN PRAY of North Windham, Maine, formerly a lieutenant with the 103rd Infantry, was shot and instantly killed by Arthur E. Cox, a professed "minister" of the sect known as Jehovah's Witnesses, in Pray's garage at North Windham, on August 20. The killing caused such intense feeling throughout southern Maine, that measures had to be taken to prevent mob violence. Many details of the murder were carried in the metropolitan newspapers. The Yankee Division expresses its deepest sympathy to the bereaved family, knowing that justice will be done, but that it will not bring this comrade back to life.

EARL R. MOOAR, formerly of K Co., 103rd Infantry, died at the Franklin Memorial Hospital, Farmington, Maine, on Saturday, August 10. He had been in ill health for several months, and had recently undergone an operation at the Deaconess' Hospital in Boston, without improvement. He is survived by a widow and four sons. Members of Farmington Chapter, YDVA, attended the funeral, several acting as pall bearers.

HARRY F. DRAKE, formerly regimental supply sergeant of the 104th Infantry, died on August 30.

FRANK DRAPER, formerly a mechanic in F Battery, 101st Field Artillery, died in Danvers, Mass. on August 10.

EVERETT BRADLEY formerly a lieutenant in A Battery, 102nd Field Artillery, died on Saturday, August 3, at his home in Haverhill, Mass.

He had served successive terms as president of the Haverhill Shoe Manufacturers' Association, also as vice president of the National Boot and Shoe Manufacturers' Association. He was prominent in all civic and club affairs, serving as a director of the chamber of commerce and on many of its committees, was a graduate of Harvard. Rev. M. W. STACKPOLE, former Chaplain of the 102nd Field Artillery, officiated at the funeral services.

Brigadier General THOMAS LINCOLN JENKINS, former Division Surgeon, 26th Division, died at his summer home in Crawford, Maine, on July 29. He was a graduate of Harvard Medical School, a Spanish-American and World War veteran. He was a resident of Topsfield, Mass., and died at the age of 73.

CARLTON GREEN, formerly of C Battery, 101st Field Artillery, died in Taunton, Mass. on Friday, August 2.

THOMAS J. SKEHAN, formerly of D Co., 104th Infantry, died in Leominster, Mass. on July 9, 1940.

DOINGS extends its sympathy to GEORGE LAPIDUS (Hq., 103rd Inf.) whose wife recently died after a lingering illness; and to Past Department Commander CLYDE O. ELLIOTT, whose brother-in-law Charles H. Contois, a World War veteran, recently died in Worcester, Mass.

CHARLES MAGILL, formerly of the 101st Field Hospital, died during June at the U. S. Naval Hospital, Chelsea, Mass. after a lingering illness. He was a member of the Boston Carmen's Union.

HARRY J. KELLY, formerly of I Co., 104th Infantry, died in Northampton, Mass. on August 20. He had but recently been appointed Chief of the Northampton Police Department.

WALTER TIERNEY, former member of Co. D, 103rd M. G. Bn., died on July 17, the second member of New Haven Chapter, YDVA, to pass on during the month of July. TIERNEY was injured in an automobile accident some time ago and succumbed to the injuries he received. His brother, FRANK, also a YD man, survives him. Funeral arrangements were in charge of the Chapter and were directed by Commander FRED V. HIRSCH.

JAMES A. SHEDD, formerly of Battery A, 101st Field Artillery, died on Monday, August 26.

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